GEONET WIRELESS MESH DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM





The GeoNet Wireless Mesh Data Acquisition System: a typical network configuration of Loggers, a Cellular Gateway and Cloud integration with secure data access

APPLICATIONS

Typical applications include:

- Groundwater monitoring
- Tailings dams

- Mining/slope stability
- Structural monitoring of buildings, bridges, excavations and tunnels
- Historical structures

INTRODUCTION

The GeoNet Wireless Mesh Data Acquisition system consists of a Gateway and subordinate Wireless Mesh Data Loggers that transmit data collected from the connected sensors. The Gateway controls the network and is the aggregator of all the data from the Loggers in the system. Cellular and Wi-Fi gateways transfer the collected data to the GEOKON Cloud data storage platform, where it is securely stored and can be viewed in GEOKON Agent Software or exported to a third-party software platform through the Open API. A Local Gateway is also available for applications where the data is to remain local or a third-party modem or ethernet connection is desired.

The system is compatible with most manufacturers' Vibrating Wire instruments and GEOKON addressable sensor strings (MEMS, VW, and thermistor). Sensor cables are connected through cable glands or 10-pin bulkhead connectors.

Tilt Loggers, which combine the functionality of a biaxial tiltmeter and a GeoNet Logger, are also available.

Model 8960 Digital Vibrating
Wire interfaces can be connected
to GeoNet Multi-Channel and
Addressable Loggers to expand the
capacity of the logger. Multiple
VW interfaces can be daisy-chained
together to bus the data to a single
Logger. The bus limit is 32 units or 64
Channels. Refer to the Model 8960
data sheet for more information.

COMMUNICATIONS

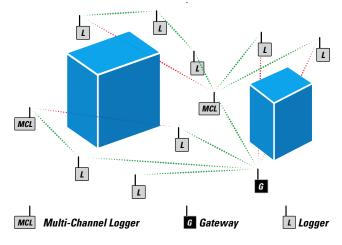
The GeoNet Mesh network operates as a self-healing network which will reconfigure itself to accommodate disturbances to the physical environment or changes to the network configuration. The system topology can take advantage of mesh, star, or cluster tree configurations to optimize the data path from the loggers to the gateway.

The loggers wake from sleep to collect and/or transmit data to the gateway and then return to sleep when finished to conserve battery life. Loggers that get separated from the network will continue to collect and

store data autonomously until network connectivity is re-established at which time the data will be transmitted to the gateway. Each logger retains a copy of its data after transmission to the gateway.

Configuration of the network and collection and transmission of data is accomplished by using the GEOKON API (api.geokon.com) when using a cellular or Wi-Fi gateway or by using Agent Software for a local gateway.

Up to 12 networks can exist within radio range of one another by setting each to a different operating channel.



Model 8900 Mesh Topology

NETWORK SPECIFICATIONS		
Topology	Star/Mesh/Cluster Tree (Auto)	
Radio Technology	FHSS	
Radio Frequency, ISM Band	902–928 MHz (North America) 915–928 MHz (Australia, Chile, Peru) 863–870 MHz (Europe) 902–906, 915–928 MHz (Brazil)	
Channels	12	
Range ¹	8900 (North America, Brazil): Up to 60 km (15 km × 4 hops) 8900 (Europe): Up to 22 km (5.5 km × 4 hops) 8800 (All): Up to 26 km (6.5 km × 4 hops)	
Transmit Power	8900 (North America, Brazil): 1 W 8900 (Europe): 20 mW 8800 (All): 250 mW	
Receiver Sensitivity	8900: -106 dBm 8800: -101 dBm	
Antenna (Half-Wave Dipole)	2.1 dBi (North America, Brazil) 1.6 dBi (Europe)	

¹Outdoor, clear line-of-Sight, maximum 4 hops.

GATEWAY SPECIFICATIONS		
Data Memory	32 MB	
Storage Capacity	> 1.04 M Arrays	
Direct Connection Type	USB, RS-232	
Communication Speed	115.2 kBits/second	
Communication Parameters	8, N, 1 (data bits, parity, stop bits)	
Scan Interval	Min: 10 minutes; Max: 1 day	
USB Driver	FTDI	
Power Supply	Cellular/Wi-Fi Gateway: 3.7V 6,600 mAh Internal Lithium Battery Pack, or 9-24V External Local Gateway: D Cell, Alkaline or Lithium (2x), or 12V External	
Battery Life	Please contact GEOKON	
Operating Temperature ¹	-40° C to +85° C (range varies by power source)	
Enclosure	Die-cast aluminum 160 × 260 × 91 mm (Cellular/Wi-Fi Gateway) 120 × 122 × 91 mm (Local Gateway)	

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Internal lithium battery will not charge below 0° C

SUPPORTED CELLULAR FREQUENCIES				
	BAND	FREQUENCY (MHZ)	UPLINK (MHZ)	DOWNLINK (MHZ)
03G1	5	850	824 – 849	869 – 894
	2	1900	1850 — 1910	1930 — 1990
LTM ¹	2	1900	1850 — 1910	1930 — 1990
	4	1700	1710 — 1755	2110 – 2155
	8	900	880 – 915	925 – 960
	28	700	703 – 748	758 – 803

¹GeoNet Cellular Gateways are compatible with all major networks except Verizon

ADDRESSABLE LOGGER	SPECIFICATIONS
Data memory	32 MB
Storage Capacity	Varies by sensor sting connected
MEMS Sensors Limits per Power Supply	D cell batteries: 32 External Lead Acid Battery: 62
Communication Protocol	RS-485 Modbus
Thermistor Accuracy	1% (0.5° C thermistor point match)
Thermistor Resolution	0.032° C
Scan Interval	Min: 10 minutes; Max: 1 day
Power Supply	2x D cell, Alkaline or Lithium, 12V Auxiliary
Operating Temperature	-40° C to +85° C (range varies by power source)
Battery Life	Refer to Battery Life section
Enclosure	Die-cast aluminum 120 × 122 × 91 mm

WI-FI SPECIFICATIONS	
Protocol	IEEE 802.11 b/g/n IEEE 802.11 d
Band Support	Station Mode: 2.4 GHz, Channel 1–13 Access Point Mode: 2.4 GHz, Channel 1–11

	GGER SPECIFICATIONS
Data memory	32 MB
Storage Capacity	Varies by model
Trueness	0.082 Hz
Frequency Precision	±0.146 Hz (99% CI)
Frequency Resolution	±0.002 Hz
Thermistor Accuracy	1% (0.5° C thermistor point match)
Thermistor Resolution	0.032° C
Scan Interval	Min: 10 minutes; Max: 1 day
Power Supply	2x D cell, Alkaline or Lithium, 12V Auxiliary
Operating Temperature	-40° C to +85° C (range varies by power source)
VW Frequency Range	400-6500 Hz
Battery Life	Refer to Battery Life section
Enclosure	Die-cast aluminum 120 × 122 × 91 mm (single-channel) 160 × 260 × 91 mm (four-channel) 180 × 280 × 101 mm (eight-channel)

TILT LOGGER SPECIFICATIONS		
Range ¹	±90°	
Resolution ²	±0.00025° (±0.004 mm/m)	
Precision ³	±0.0075° (±0.13 mm/m)	
Nonlinearity	±0.005° across ±30° range (±0.09 mm/m)	
Temperature Dependent Uncertainty	±0.001° across ±5° range (±0.016 mm/m) ±0.0016° across ±15° range (±0.026 mm/m) ±0.0026° across ±30° range (±0.042 mm/m)	
Axis	2	
Data Memory	32 MB	
Storage Capacity	500,000 readings	
Thermistor Accuracy	1% (0.5° C thermistor point match)	
Thermistor Resolution	0.032° C	
Scan Interval	Min: 10 minutes; Max: 1 day	
Power Supply	2x D cell, Alkaline or Lithium, 12V Auxiliary	
Operating Temperature	–40° C to +65° C (range varies by power source)	
Battery Life	Refer to Battery Life section	
Enclosure	Die-cast aluminum 120 × 122 × 91 mm	

¹ Calibrated Range: ±30°
299% confidence interval (i.e. 99 out of 100 individual readings fall within this tolerance).
3 Includes random walk (changes between consecutive readings that have no discernible cause) and seismic noise during testing.

BATTERY LIFE

Battery life is affected by the quantity and physical configuration of the loggers, along with weather conditions and the radio environment (as related to retries).

Loggers that are the only communication link between other loggers and the gateway will have a shorter battery life than those that have no routing responsibility.

The table below shows an estimate of battery life in a network of fewer than 20 loggers based on the number of readings collected and forwarded to the gateway. More than 1,000 days of battery life are possible when using a scan rate of one hour or higher, with only one hop. A more frequent scan rate will reduce this estimate. If greater battery life is needed, a 12-volt nominal input is available.

Alkaline	Lithium
25,000	70,000
500,000	1,400,000
Days	Days
208	583
347	972
521	1458
1042	2915
	25,000 500,000 Days 208 347 521

ORDERING INFORMATION

Example Part Number for a Logger: 8901-NA-01C-CBL

MODEL/REGION: 0 8901-NA: North America

8901-BZ: Brazil

8903-EU: Europe

8800-AU: Australia

8800-CL: Chile

8800-PE: Peru

LOGGER TYPE: °

01C: Single-Channel Mesh VW Logger

ADR: Mesh Addressable Logger

04C: Four-Channel Mesh VW Logger

08C: Eight-Channel Mesh VW Logger

TLT: Mesh Tilt Logger

SENSOR CONNECTION: o

CBL: Cable Gland

10P: 10-Pin

NAP: No Access Point

Example Part Number for a Gateway: 8901-NA-LTM-USB

MODEL/REGION: →

8901-NA: North America

8901-BZ: Brazil

8903-EU: Europe

8800-AU: Australia

8800-CL: Chile

8800-PE: Peru

GATEWAY TYPE: °

LTM: Cellular Gateway for LTE-M networks

WFI: Wi-Fi Gateway

03G: Cellular Gateway for 3G networks

SUP: Local Gateway

PC CONNECTION:

USB: USB cable 232: RS-232 cable

Note: Not all models available in all areas

ACCESSORIES

8900-SOL-10W-BRJ: GeoNet Series Solar Panel, 10W, unregulated. For use with GeoNet Cellular and Wi-Fi Gateways.

BAT-111: Alkaline D size battery BAT-202: Lithium D size battery, 17 Ah

CHG-11: AC Charger for Cellular and Wi-Fi Gateways.

COM-169: USB 2.0 A Male to

C Male Cable

COM-108: Patch Cord for RS-232

Local Gateways.

8001-7: USB to RS-232 Converter

SUP-514: Desiccant pack, 10 grams 8800-7: External 12V battery conversion cable, 3 m length, bare leads. For use with GeoNet Mesh

8800-7V: As above, customer-specified cable length.

Loggers and Local Gateways.

8800-7B: External 12V battery conversion cable, 3 m length, barrel jack connector. For use with GeoNet Cellular and Wi-Fi Gateways. 8800-7BV: As above, customerspecified cable length. 8020-7-1: Solar Panel, 20W, regulated. For use with 12V battery. Includes side-of-pole mounts, charge controller,

8800-2-4A: Cellular modem module for GeoNet Local Gateways. (For customer supplied modems.)

and 4.5 m interconnect cable with

battery clips.

8800-2-4B: Ethernet module for GeoNet Local Gateways

8020-7-2: Solar Panel, 20W, regulated. For use with Model 8800-2-4 Cellular/ Ethernet modules.

8020-7A-2: As above, 40W panel 8020-7B-2: As above, 10W panel

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