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PREFACE

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The Users Guide is supplemented by a number of Special Publications (designated as the "SP250 Series") that provide detailed descriptions of the important features of specific NIST calibration services. These documents provide a description of the: (1) specifications for the services; (2) design philosophy and theory; (3) NIST measurement system; (4) NIST operational procedures; (5) assessment of the measurement uncertainty including random and systematic errors and an error budget; and (6) internal quality control procedures used by NIST. These documents will present more detail than can be given in NIST calibration reports, or than is generally allowed in articles in scientific journals. In the past, NIST has published such information in a variety of ways. This series will make this type of information more readily available to the user.

This document, SP250-89 (2011), NIST Measurement Services: Spectral Irradiance Calibrations supersedes the NBS Special Publication 250-20 (1987). It describes the calibration of 1000 W tungsten quartz-halogen lamps over the wavelength region from 250 nm to 2400 nm (test numbers 39030C-39046C in SP250, NIST Calibration Services Users Guide). Inquiries concerning the technical content of this document or the specifications for these services should be directed to the author or to one of the technical contacts cited in SP250.

NIST welcomes suggestions on how publications such as this might be made more useful. Suggestions are also welcome concerning the need for new calibrations services, special tests, and measurement assurance programs.

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ABSTRACT

This document describes the process of the realization, the maintenance and the dissemination of the spectral irradiance scale and its accompanying uncertainties at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. It describes the measurement procedures for the realization of the scale and the uncertainties of the detector-based spectral irradiance scale. During the realization process, the spectral irradiances are ultimately made *Système International d'Unités* (SI) traceable to the unit of electrical power through the electrical-substitution cryogenic radiometer and the unit of length through the aperture area and the distance measurements. This document also contains a representative calibration report and values for the NIST-disseminated spectral irradiance standards along with the irradiance calibration procedures manual.

KEY WORDS: spectral irradiance scale, calibration, cryogenic radiometer, filter radiometer, high-temperature blackbody, uncertainties, temperature, Planck radiance
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1. Introduction

This document supersedes the NBS Special Publication 250-20 (1987). In 2000, a new detector-based spectral irradiance scale was realized using a high-temperature blackbody in conjunction with absolute filter radiometers, traceable to the absolute cryogenic radiometer. The filter radiometers are used to determine the thermodynamic temperature of the blackbody. This new scale reduced the uncertainties in the disseminated spectral irradiances as compared to the gold fixed-point blackbody derived scale of 1990 and 1992. Beginning with the calendar year 2001, all NIST-disseminated spectral irradiance standards have been based upon the detector-based scale.

The development and the use of cryogenic radiometers have led the trend toward decreasing uncertainties in the radiometric and the photometric scales due to improvements in the absolute power measurements \[T_1\]. Furthermore, detector-based scales can be often maintained with shorter measurement chains and lower uncertainties than source-based scales. For example, the photometric scale at NIST has been detector-based and traceable to the NIST High-Accuracy Cryogenic Radiometer (HACR) since 1993 \[T_3\], and the implementation of the detector-based photometric scale resulted in a factor of two reduction in the expanded uncertainties compared to the previous, source-based photometric scale \[T_4\]. The establishment of the detector-based spectral irradiance scale is a part of a long-term effort in the Optical Technology Division aimed at reducing the realization chain and lowering the uncertainties in the issued standards.

This document describes the process of the realization, the maintenance and the dissemination of the spectral irradiance scale at the National Institute of Standards and Technology and its accompanying uncertainties. It describes the measurement procedures for the realization of the scale and the uncertainties of the detector-based spectral irradiance scale. During the realization process, the spectral irradiances are ultimately made *Système International d'Unités* (SI) \[T_5\] traceable to the units of electrical power through the electrical substitution cryogenic radiometer and the unit of length and the aperture area through the distance measurements. The uncertainties described in this document have been analyzed according to the ISO *Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement* \[T_6\]. The appendix contains a representative calibration report and values for the NIST-disseminated spectral irradiance standards. It also describes the proper handling and alignment of the standards to minimize the transfer uncertainties. The process of lamp selection prior to calibrations is described, and the prior knowledge about the long-term stability of the lamps results in minimization of redundant measurements \[T_7\].
1.1 Spectral Irradiance

Spectral irradiance is the measure of the optical power, $\Phi$, incident on an area, $dA$, per unit wavelength, $d\lambda$, and is denoted by

$$E_\lambda = \frac{d^2\Phi}{dA \cdot d\lambda}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

A commonly used unit to denote spectral irradiance is microwatts per square centimeter area per nanometer wavelength or $\mu\text{W cm}^{-2}\text{ nm}^{-1}$.

The spectral irradiance source standards calibrated at NIST are used in turn to calibrate spectroradiometers which measure the spectral power incident on an area at a set distance from the source. For example, the NIST issued spectral irradiance standards are used to determine the solar terrestrial spectral irradiance, especially in the ultraviolet wavelength region, to provide data on climate change and health of ecosystems [8]. These standards are also used to determine the spectral irradiances of various sources such as lamps and light emitting diodes, and also to determine the color temperature of sources [9]. Photometric source scales such as the lumen can be also be derived from spectral irradiance sources. The spectral irradiance sources could also be used in conjunction with spectral reflectance standards to generate spectral radiance [10]. Many national measurement institutes also use NIST spectral irradiance standards as the basis in generating their own national spectroradiometric and photometric scales.

1.2 History of the NIST spectral irradiance scales

Due to the central role of spectral irradiance source standards in many radiometric and photometric calibrations, NIST has long provided these standards. The earliest NIST-calibrated sources were total irradiance standards issued in 1913 by Coblentz who calibrated them by comparison to blackbodies [11]. Much later in 1963, the first spectral irradiance standards were issued using a 200 W quartz-iodine lamp with a coiled-coil tungsten filament [12]. It was soon recognized that a source with greater radiation was needed to calibrate sources such as the sun, and in 1967, 1000 W lamps were first issued [13]. Due to the difficulties in scaling up the irradiances to the level of the 1000 W lamps, the realization of the scales to *Système International d’Unités* (SI) was performed infrequently. A new scale was realized 1973 [14], and the first Consultative Committee on Photometry and Radiometry (CCPR) comparison performed in 1976 [15]. The next CCPR comparison was piloted by NIST in 1990 coincident with a new realization of the scale [16]. In recognition of the difficulties in realizing a scale from the gold-point blackbody near 1337 K to calibrate a source with distribution temperature of 3200 K, work was performed to realize the scale using a high-temperature blackbody with detector-based thermodynamic temperature in 2000 [17]. The NIST detector-based spectral irradiance was used in the CCPR K1-a key comparison [18] of spectral irradiance from 250 nm to 2500 nm, and the detector-based spectral irradiance scale was realized again in 2003. A new facility, the Facility for Automated Spectroradiometric Calibrations 2 (FASCAL 2), was developed in 2001 to reduce the transfer and realization uncertainties and to meet the increased demand for these standards. This document describes the process of realization of the NIST spectral irradiance scale from the SI units and the procedure for the derivation of the spectral irradiance from those units.
1.3 Description of current services in spectral irradiance calibrations

The current calibration services according to the test numbers and the descriptions of the tests are listed in Table 1. The tests are grouped according to the needs of the users such as the ultraviolet community for measurements from 250 nm to 450 nm, the photometric community for the wavelength region from 350 nm to 800 nm, and the selected short-wave infrared region along with the full wavelength region from 250 nm to 1600 nm or from 250 nm to 2400 nm. Since many NIST customers also have long-standing history of usage of the same lamp, recalibrations are grouped differently from the issuing of newly calibrated lamps. Such breakdowns of the calibrations into categories are in response to customers’ request for reducing calibration costs and turn-around times for the calibrations.

Table 1. The current spectral irradiance calibration tests offered.

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<td>Spectral Irradiance Standard, 1000 W Tungsten Quartz–Halogen Lamp (250 nm to 1600 nm)</td>
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<td>Recalibration of 1000 W Tungsten Quartz–Halogen Lamp (250 nm to 1600 nm)</td>
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<td>Spectral Irradiance Standard, 1000 W Tungsten Quartz–Halogen Lamp (250 nm to 2400 nm)</td>
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<td>Recalibration of 1000 W Tungsten Quartz–Halogen Lamp (250 nm to 2400 nm)</td>
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2. Scale Realization

At the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the spectral irradiance scale is realized using a detector-based scale. The NIST spectral irradiance scale is realized using filter radiometers (FR) calibrated for absolute, spectral power responsivity traceable to the NIST cryogenic radiometer. The cryogenic radiometer measures the optical power by the substitution of electrical power for comparison [19]. Thus the measured optical power is traceable to electrical power. The aperture areas which are needed for conversion of radiant power to irradiance are measured using interferometric techniques [20]. The calibrated FRs are then used to determine the radiance temperature of a high-temperature blackbody (HTBB) operating near 3000 K. The spectral irradiance of the HTBB is determined using the knowledge of the geometric factors and Planck radiance law and then is used to assign the spectral irradiances of a group of 1000 W FEL lamps. Thus the NIST spectral irradiance scale is ultimately traceable to the electrical power and the unit of length. The procedure for the realization is shown in Fig. 1.

![Diagram](image)

**Figure 1.** The primary scale realization for the NIST spectral irradiance scale. The cryogenic radiometer calibrates the trap detectors for optical power by substitution with electrical power. The aperture areas and distances are traceable to length standards.
2.1 Measurement equation for temperature determination

The radiance temperature of the high-temperature blackbody is found using a measurement equation, which describes the optical flux transfer with circular and coaxial source and receiver apertures [21]. For a filter radiometer, the signal $S$ is given by,

$$S = \frac{G \pi r_{BB}^2 \pi r^2 (1 + \delta)}{D^2} \epsilon \int R(\lambda) L(\lambda, T) d\lambda,$$

(2)

where $\epsilon$ is the emissivity, $R$ is absolute spectral power responsivity. The geometric factors $D$ and $\delta$ are given by $D^2 = d^2 + r^2 + r_{BB}^2$ and $\delta = r^2 r_{BB}^2 / D^4$, where $r_{BB}$ and $r$ are the radii of the blackbody aperture and the filter radiometer apertures, respectively, and $d$ is distance between the filter radiometer aperture and the blackbody aperture. $G$ is the preamplifier gain, and $L$ is the spectral radiance found using the Planck radiation law. The spectral power responsivity of the filter radiometers are measured in the NIST Spectral Comparator Facility. The radiance temperatures are found by iteratively changing the blackbody temperature in Eq. 2 until an exact match of the calculated signal to the measured signal is found. The irradiance responsivities of the FRs used for the realization are shown in Fig. 2 along with the Planck radiance at 3000 K.

![Figure 2](image)

Figure 2. The irradiance responsivities of the filter radiometers used in the realization as measured with the NIST detector-based scale realized from the electrical substitution cryogenic radiometer. The Planck radiance law at 3000 K is shown plotted on the right axis.

The uncertainties of the radiance temperatures found using the filter radiometers are primarily determined by the uncertainties in the spectral power responsivity. The lowest uncertainties are maintained in the visible wavelength region from 400 nm to 900
nm where the spectral power responsivity of the Si-trap transfer detector can be smoothly interpolated between the discrete laser calibration wavelengths of the cryogenic radiometer. The uncertainties of the spectral power responsivity can be directly converted to uncertainties in temperature using the derivative of the Wien approximation with respect to temperature,

\[ \frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{c_2}{\lambda} \frac{\Delta T}{T^2}, \]

where the relationship between the uncertainty in radiance, \( L \), to the uncertainty in blackbody temperature, \( T \), and \( c_2 \) is the second Planck’s constant, 1.4387752 cm K, and \( \lambda \) is the wavelength. The Wien approximation is used to simplify the handling of equations. Under these experimental conditions, no appreciable differences exist between Eq. 3 and the similar differential equation found using the Planck’s radiance law in the wavelength between 250 nm and 2400 nm. Due to the changes in the shape of the blackbody radiance with temperature as described in the Planck radiance law, the temperature uncertainties are both dependent on temperature as well as wavelength.

2.2 Description of the high-temperature blackbody (HTBB)

One of the technological advances which makes possible the realization of the detector-based spectral irradiance scale is the development of pyrolytic-graphite blackbodies, enabling extended operations near 3000 K without rapid degradation of the cavity. The high-temperature blackbody used in this work consists of pyrolytic-graphite rings with an inner diameter of 24 mm stacked to form a cavity with a depth of 14.5 cm. The cavity bottom consists of an inverted cone with an apex angle of about 150°, and the radiance at the backside of the cavity bottom is imaged through an opening at the rear of the cavity using a fused-silica lens onto a temperature-stabilized photometer for operation in closed-loop configuration. The lens also serves to seal the rear of the blackbody cavity to atmosphere. The current of the HTBB power supply is adjusted using a control loop to maintain a constant output from the photometer. Although the spectral irradiance in the ultraviolet wavelength region could be increased with higher temperatures, the HTBB was operated at near 2950 K to avoid possible changes in the spectral emissivity of the blackbody due to the sublimation of the graphite. Since the graphite rings expand about 10% from room temperature to near 3000 K, the current was increased at 0.1 A/s to nearly 510 A at 2950 K to allow gradual expansion of the cavity. The HTBB was also turned off in a similar manner to avoid thermo-physical shocks.

2.3 Validation of the HTBB as a Planckian Radiator

To determine the spectral emissivity of the HTBB, the spectral radiance of the HTBB was measured from 250 nm to 2400 nm at discrete wavelengths by comparison to a variable-temperature blackbody (VTBB) with a high emissivity. The VTBB is a NIST-designed blackbody with an internal diameter of 11 mm with an opening of 2 mm diameter to result in an estimated emissivity > 0.999. The Any temperature non-uniformity of the cavity would lead to deviations of the HTBB spectral radiance from a single-temperature Planck radiance. For these comparisons, the temperature of the
VTBB was set at 2687 K and the temperature of the HTBB was set at 2950 K. Although the temperatures are different, the radiance ratios did not differ even at 250 nm, where the differences are greatest, by more than a factor of seven. Furthermore, prior to these measurements, the linearity of the spectroradiometer has been measured at various wavelengths using the portable Beamconjoiner [26] and found to be linear under these experimental conditions. The spectral radiance determinations were performed before and after spectral irradiance transfer to a set of 1000 W FEL lamps. The checks of the HTBB as a Planckian radiator were performed to verify that the HTBB did not change in the spectral distribution since the FR’s are used to measure over a relatively broad spectral region.

The spectral radiance measurements of the HTBB were performed with the aperture in front of the spherical input mirror to the spectroradiometer reduced to 4 cm diameter resulting in F/25 focused at the opening of the HTBB at the plane of the water-cooled aperture. The reduction in the opening of the spherical input mirror resulted in a circular target of 12 mm diameter at the bottom of the HTBB cavity. To keep the same target area constant for the measurements, in both the spectral irradiance and the spectral radiance modes the HTBB was mounted on a motorized translation stage for control of the distance between the HTBB and the measuring instruments. If possible, the same area at the rear of the HTBB should be viewed for all measurements to avoid errors from the possible spatial non-uniformity of the HTBB.

The temperature of the variable-temperature blackbody was determined using spectral radiance ratios at 655 nm to a vacuum tungsten-filament lamp maintained at the freezing-temperature of gold as prescribed in the ITS-90. The spectral radiance of the HTBB was determined at discrete wavelengths by comparison to the VTBB and also determined from the radiance temperature found using the filter radiometers. The radiance temperatures of the HTBB found using the filter radiometers were in agreement with those found using the ITS-90 ratios to within 0.5 K at all instances such comparisons were performed. The respective blackbodies were compared using spectral radiance ratios,

\[ L_{\lambda,HTBB} = L_{\lambda,VTBB} f_{\lambda} \frac{S_{\lambda,HTBB}}{S_{\lambda,VTBB}}. \]  (4)

The \( L_{\lambda} \) and the \( S_{\lambda} \) denote the spectral radiance and the measured spectral radiance response of the HTBB and the VTBB, and \( f_{\lambda} \) is the possible linearity correction to the response ratios. The spectral radiances of the HTBB were found to conform to a single temperature Planck radiance law to within the combined uncertainties of the measurements as shown in Fig. 3. Figure 3 shows the percent differences from a single temperature Planck radiance law with the temperature of the HTBB determined using the FR’s and the spectral radiances determined using the VTBB. The errors bars on the individual comparisons correspond to the expanded uncertainty of 0.86 K at 2943.4 K converted to a spectral radiance uncertainty using the derivative of the Wien approximation from Eq. 2. As expected for comparison of two blackbodies, the differences in the spectral radiance becomes smaller with increasing wavelength, but there are no discernible increasing spectral differences toward the shorter wavelengths, as would be expected if either of the temperature assignments of the respective blackbodies were in error. The differences between the detector-based radiance temperatures and the
source-based determinations also agree with the previous measurements, which also showed differences of < 0.5 % from 250 nm to 1000 nm [27].

The spectral radiances from the VTBB are determined using Planck radiance law from the assigned radiance temperatures at 655.3 nm and the estimated VTBB emissivity [28]. The emissivity is estimated using calculations from the partial reflectivity and the solid angle opening of the VTBB and experimental determinations with changing the solid angle of the opening. The spectral radiances of the HTBB are in turn assigned using the VTBB from the respective signals, \( i \), and the gains, \( G \).

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L_{HTBB,VTBB} = \frac{G_{HTBB} \cdot i_{HTBB}}{G_{VTBB} \cdot i_{VTBB}} L_{VTBB}.
\]

\[\text{(5)}\]

![Figure 3](image.png)

**Figure 3.** The comparison of spectral radiances found using the radiances determined from the VTBB with the radiances found using the detector-based filter radiometers for the measurements on indicated dates. The agreement within the expanded uncertainties of the comparisons indicates that the emissivity of the HTBB as well as the temperature assignment are within the combined uncertainties of the comparison.

2.4 HTBB Operation

The measurements of the HTBB temperatures are performed with the filter radiometers placed on a motorized table for individual alignment along the optical axis of the HTBB. A water-cooled precision aperture is placed in front of the HTBB, and the distance from this aperture to the filter radiometer aperture is measured using a micrometer. The current to the HTBB is controlled by a servo loop, and an optical detector monitors the rear of the cavity. The radiance temperature measurements over a time period of 4 h are plotted in Fig. 4. A determination of the spectral radianc...
HTBB can be performed in about 30 min, and the temperature of the HTBB is stable during these measurements. For clarity only the temperatures measured using FR4 are plotted with the 0.21 K ($k = 2$) uncertainties. The temperature determinations using the three FRs are in agreement within their combined uncertainties.

![Figure 4](image.png)

**Figure 4.** The time-dependent drift of the HTBB. The HTBB was monitored with optical feedback from the rear. Measurements are performed during a time duration of about 30 min. The drift of the HTBB accounted by a component in the total uncertainty budget.

### 2.5 Spectral Irradiance Transfer to 1000 W FEL Lamps

The spectral irradiance assignment of twelve 1000 W FEL working standard lamps occurred over a two week period from September 28 to October 12, 2000. The spectral irradiances of a group of three lamps were assigned at one time, and the measurements were separated into the ultraviolet and the visible wavelength region, 250 nm to 900 nm, and the short-wave infrared region, 800 nm to 2400 nm. Since there are four separate FEL lamp measurement stations, each of the measurements of individual lamp was performed in a different station using different shunt resistors, power supplies, and lamp mounts. Each of the lamp stations were checked for possible position effects, and no perceptible effects due to station-to-station variations were found.

The HTBB was turned on at least 2 h before use, and temperature-stabilized using the optical feedback. The temperature of the HTBB was assigned using the FR’s and the spectral irradiance responsivity of the spectroradiometer assigned using the known spectral irradiance of the HTBB. All the spectral irradiance responsivity transfers to the spectroradiometer were done at a distance of 43.406 cm ($\pm 0.005$ cm) from the HTBB aperture to the 1 cm$^2$ area aperture of the integrating sphere receiver (ISR) resulting in a 24.7 mm diameter circular target area at the cavity bottom. The spectral irradiance
responsivity of the spectroradiometer is assigned using the known spectral irradiance of the HTBB at the input aperture of the ISR,

\[ E_{\lambda,HTBB} = \frac{L(\lambda,T)\pi r_{BB}^2}{D^2}, \]  

with the measurement parameters as defined in Eq. 2.

After the spectral irradiance responsivity assignment of the spectroradiometer, the spectral irradiance of a group of three FEL lamps were assigned with each lamp measured in three separate source positions. The spectral irradiance of each lamp was assigned using,

\[ E_{\lambda,FEL} = E_{\lambda,HTBB} f_{\lambda} \frac{S_{\lambda,FEL}}{S_{\lambda,HTBB}}, \]

where \( E_{\lambda,FEL (HTBB)} \) is the spectral irradiance of the FEL lamp (HTBB), \( S_{\lambda,FEL (HTBB)} \) is the net signal from the FEL lamp (HTBB) measured using the spectroradiometer, and \( f_{\lambda} \) is the linearity correction factor for the comparison. With the use of a shutter, the background signals were subtracted from the total signals to obtain the net signals. The distance of the HTBB from the ISR was also chosen such that the same gain factors could be used to measure both the FEL and the HTBB. Figure 5 is a plot of the calculated spectral irradiances of the HTBB at 2950 K plotted with the spectral irradiances of a typical 1000 W FEL lamp with the blackbody source aperture of 9.9933 mm (± 0.0002 mm) diameter and the ISR receiving aperture of 11.2838 mm (± 0.0002 mm) in diameter separated by a distance of 43.406 cm (±0.005 cm). At all wavelengths, Fig. 5 shows that the HTBB has a greater spectral irradiance than the FEL lamp. Although the spectral irradiance changes by a factor > 10³ from 250 nm to 2400 nm, the HTBB/FEL signal ratio does not exceed 2.5. The close match of the irradiances was chosen to minimize possible errors resulting from signal-to-noise, non-linearity, and stray-light effects.
Figure 5. The spectral irradiance of the HTBB at 2950 K with the measurement parameters as described with the spectral irradiances of a typical 1000 W FEL lamp. The measurement parameters for the HTBB were chosen to closely match the spectral irradiance of the lamp.

3. Description of the FASCAL 2 Facility

Figure 6 shows the physical layout of the FASCAL 2 facility. The sources and the rails for moving the spectroradiometer system are placed on a single 4.23 m by 1.52 m fixed optical table, and the spectroradiometer is placed on a smaller, 1.52 m by 0.91 m moveable optical breadboard for translation between the separate sources. The optical breadboard is placed on linear rails, and the movement is controlled by a ball screw driven by a DC servo motor with feedback control. The total range of movement is 3.5 m, and the linear position of the spectroradiometer table is measured using a 4 m long, linear encoder; the linear position of the spectroradiometer is reproducible to 2.5 μm. The facility has four separate lamp mounts to calibrate the NIST disseminated spectral irradiance sources, FEL lamps, which are placed in kinematic lamp mounts with 6-axes of adjustments for alignment. The electrical power to the lamps is controlled using a calibrated shunt resistor with a temperature coefficient of resistance of 3 ppm / °C, and the lamp current is actively controlled using 16 bit current regulation. The lamp voltages are also recorded. The last station holds the high-temperature blackbody (HTBB) capable of extended operations near 3000 K. The temperature of the HTBB is detector-based and assigned using filter radiometers calibrated for absolute spectral irradiance responsivity for the realization of the spectral irradiance scale.
3.1 Spectroradiometer system

The spectroradiometer system is also shown in detail in Fig. 6. The spectral irradiances of the sources are measured using an integrating sphere receiver (ISR) with a circular opening with 1 cm$^2$ aperture area. The ISR is a 2.54 cm diameter packed polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) sphere for high transmittance throughout the spectral range of measurements. A 2 mm by 10 mm opening is made at the side of the ISR and imaged 1:1 using a 30.48 cm focal length spherical mirror. A flat folding mirror is used to couple the light into the monochromator. An additive-dispersive double monochromator (McPherson 2035D*) with dual gratings placed in motorized grating turrets is used, and a combination of 5 different filters are used for second-order rejection from the grating and for further stray-light rejection. The entrance and the exit slits of the monochromator are 2 mm wide and 10 mm high and unchanged during the course of the measurements. The width of the intermediate slit is opened to 4 mm with the height kept the same as the entrance and exit slits. The monochromator is a Czerny-Turner design with a focal length of 0.35 m and an effective aperture of F/4.8. The angular change of the grating is achieved using a sine-bar mechanism and driven with a DC servo motor with an absolute encoder with $2^{14}$ or 16,384 pulses per revolution attached to the shaft of the sine-bar mechanism for wavelength measurements. The temperatures of the monochromators are also monitored using platinum resistance thermometers, and recorded during the spectral irradiance measurements. To avoid errors in the wavelength arising from thermal changes in the monochromator, the monochromator section is temperature stabilized using forced air from TE coolers set to the ambient temperature of the laboratory prior to turning on the FEL lamps. To avoid stray light, the entire monochromator system including the input optics and the detectors are covered using a light-tight box.
Figure 6. The optical layout showing the monochromator table with the positions of the input and the exit optics. A double monochromator in a Czerny-Turner design is used for dispersion and stray-light rejection.

Three separate detectors with two gratings and spectral selection filters are used for spectral coverage from 200 nm to 2500 nm. The spectral range of the gratings and the detectors are shown in Table 1, and although the blaze wavelength is outside the range of the Si diode wavelength region, the throughput of the monochromator is adequate. For measurements in the ultraviolet wavelength region, a Hamamatsu R106 low-noise bi-alkali side-on photomultiplier tube (PMT) is used. The bi-alkali PMT is chosen for low temporal drift and low dark currents. The temperature of the PMT is stabilized to -26 °C using a temperature-feedback controller, and the PMT is attached to the output port of the monochromator. A fused silica lens is attached to the PMT housing and focuses the image of the output slit onto the PMT with 2:1 de-magnification factor. Detectors are selected by the use of a motorized 45° mirror, internal to the monochromator. The 2.4 mm by 2.4 mm square silicon (Si) photodiode is temperature stabilized and cooled to -25 °C for low-noise operation. The 2 mm diameter indium gallium arsenide (InGaAs) photodiode is cooled to -80 °C using 4-stage TE coolers, and the InGaAs diode is selected for extended responsivity to 2500 nm. For the extended wavelength of measurements, order-sorting filters are critical to reduce the second-order radiation generated by the gratings when measuring a broad-band source. Table 3 lists the order-sorting filters used with the filter types and the specifications along with the operational wavelengths listed. For the ultraviolet wavelength region from 250 nm to 400 nm, order-sorting filters are not used.

Table 2. The specifications of the monochromator system and the detectors used to measure the spectral irradiances.

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Table 3. The order-sorting filters used in FASCAL 2 with the 6-position filter wheel placed at the entrance to the monochromator.

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<th>Filter Specification [nm]</th>
<th>Operation Wavelengths [nm]</th>
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<td>2</td>
<td>BG-40</td>
<td>370</td>
<td>570</td>
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<td>OG-550</td>
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The output of the monochromator is coupled to the Si and the InGaAs diodes using Al and gold-coated off-axis ellipsoid mirrors, respectively, with 5:1 de-magnification of the exit slit. Both the Si diode and the PMT are used in DC-current measurement mode, and the InGaAs detector is used with a frequency-stabilized chopper wheel (not shown) and phase-sensitive detection techniques for better signal-to-noise ratios in the short-wave infrared wavelength region. The Si and the InGaAs photodiodes are placed on a computer-controlled translation stage for repeatability. The helium-neon laser (not shown) on the detector stage is used in the alignment of source to the optical axis of the spectroradiometer. For the long-term stability of the system responsivity, both the monochromator and the detector stage are purged using nitrogen gas boil-off from a liquid nitrogen reservoir to reduce the atmospheric absorption and to increase the long-term stability of the internal mirrors and gratings. The fore-optic section is purged with a positive overpressure of dry air to keep out the moisture and other contaminants which can degrade the foreoptics.

3.2 Performance Characterizations of the FASCAL 2 Facility

A primary goal of the FASCAL 2 facility is the spectral irradiance calibration of 1000 W FEL lamps with > 1000:1 signal-to-noise ratio from 250 nm to 2500 nm and subsequent spectral irradiance assignment to other lamps. To achieve the desired signal-to-noise ratio, the spectral throughput of the spectroradiometer system has to be sufficient. The typical spectral irradiance of an FEL lamp at 50 cm is plotted in Fig. 7.
Figure 7. The left axis denotes the percent differences from the mean of the spectral irradiances measured over a duration of 1 h. A total of three consecutive measurements were performed with the individual measurements denoted by squares, triangles, and circles. The right axis indicates the typical spectral irradiance of a 1000 W FEL lamp. The spectral irradiances were measured using the PMT (open), the Si diode (solid), and the InGaAs diode (open-crossed).

along with the percent change in the spectral irradiance response of the spectroradiometer found using the three detectors. Each detector is used to measure the spectral irradiance of an FEL lamp fixed at a distance of 50 cm and current-stabilized at 8.2 A. The lamp is measured using each detector 3 times over a time period of \( \approx 1 \) h. The percent differences of the individual signals from the mean,

\[
\Delta S = \frac{100 \left( S_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} S_i \right)}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} S_i},
\]

are plotted in Fig. 7 using the PMT, Si, and InGaAs photodiodes.

The spread in the signals below 300 nm is due to the combined effects of the instability of the FEL lamp and the low signals, but the spread in the signals is still well below the total uncertainty of the spectral irradiance scale in this spectral region. Although the PMT is sensitive to 600 nm, the Si diode is the preferred detector from 350 nm to 1100 nm due to its lower noise and better temporal stability. Since the Si diode is temperature stabilized, any changes in the responsivity due to the temperature-dependent band-gap shift are minimized. In Fig. 7, the measurements with the extended-InGaAs diode show greater fluctuations, especially near 2400 nm. Since the foreoptics of the monochromator is not purged, the increase in the differences of the signals at 1400 nm
and at 1800 nm is due to the presence of water-vapor absorption at these wavelengths leading to increased fluctuations in the measured signals. With the exceptions of the measurements at 1400 nm, 1800 nm, and 2400 nm, our goal of achieving a signal-to-noise ratio of 1000:1, as determined by the standard uncertainty of the measurement at a set wavelength, is met.

The wavelength accuracy is critical, particularly in the ultraviolet wavelength region where the slope of the spectral irradiance with respect to wavelength is especially steep. The uncertainties in the spectral irradiance due to the wavelength uncertainty can be estimated by approximating the spectral shape of the FEL lamp with a 3000 K blackbody. Using the Wien approximation, the derivative with respect to wavelength is

\[
\frac{dL}{L} = \left( \frac{c_2}{\lambda T} - 5 \right) \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda},
\]

where \( c_2 \) is the second radiation constant, \( T \), temperature, and \( \lambda \), wavelength. The wavelength accuracy of the spectroradiometer was checked using low-pressure Hg, Ne, and Ar spectral-line lamps which were placed into an integrating sphere to fill the entrance optics of the monochromator. The residuals of the linear fit to the wavelength calibrations are shown in Fig. 8. The wavelength uncertainties are found to be less than ±0.1 nm \((k=2)\) from 200 nm to 1000 nm. The residuals of the linear fits for the short-wave infrared wavelength region are shown in Fig. 9. Higher-order polynomials were also used to correct the wavelength errors, but did not lead to significant reduction in the wavelength uncertainties. The wavelength uncertainties are less than ±0.15 nm \((k=2)\) from 1000 nm to 2500 nm. The spectral irradiance uncertainty due to a 0.1 nm wavelength error is estimated from Eq. 2 to be < 0.6 % at 250 nm, and the spectral irradiance uncertainty decreases with wavelength to < 0.1 % past 500 nm since the

![Figure 8](image-url)
spectral irradiance of the FEL lamp peaks near 900 nm. The wavelength positioning is reproducible to ± 0.015 nm with changes in the gratings using the motorized grating turret.

![Figure 9](image.png)

**Figure 9.** The residuals of the linear wavelength fit to the wavelength calibrated using various spectral line sources for the near IR wavelength region.

Since each NIST-issued spectral irradiance standard is measured at against one working standard lamp in one of the four stations, the invariance of the spectral irradiance of the standards with respect to changing lamp stations was also examined. The measurements with different power supplies and shunt resistors guard against possible systematic errors in the current and the power supply in the calibration of the standard. The use of different lamp stations also makes the spectral irradiance measurement eliminates systematic effects of scattered light and lamp positioning. The measurement of a common FEL lamp in each of the four stations shows reproducibility to 0.1 % in the wavelength region from 350 nm to 1000 nm.
4. Uncertainty Analysis of the Spectral Irradiances Issued on FEL Lamps

The discussion of the uncertainties associated with the detector-based spectral irradiance scale realization is separated into parts. Since the absolute radiance temperature determination of the HTBB is performed with filter radiometers with peak spectral responsivities near 550 nm, the expanded uncertainties in the spectral irradiance measurement at 550 nm is first discussed. The spectral irradiance uncertainties are converted into temperature uncertainties using the derivative of the Wien approximation. The Wien approximation is used since the measurements with the FRs are performed at short-wavelengths from the peak wavelength of the 3000 K Planck spectral radiance. The uncertainties of the spectral irradiances of the primary working standards (PWS) are assigned. Finally, the expanded uncertainties of the issued standards or the lamps-under test (LUT) are assigned with additional uncertainty added to account for the temporal changes of the PWS.

4.1 Uncertainties of the HTBB detector-based temperatures

The uncertainties associated with the detector-based temperature determinations of the HTBB can be found from the uncertainty analysis of Eq. (1) as shown in Table 3. The individual components are listed in descending order of importance, with the uncertainty due to the spectral power responsivity dominating. Additional sources of uncertainty from the alignment and aperture area measurements are small. The expanded spectral irradiance responsivity uncertainty at 550 nm of 0.26 % leads to an expanded temperature uncertainty of 0.86 K, at 2950 K. The increase in the uncertainties in the ultraviolet region in line 1 of Table 4 is due to the sensitivity of the Planck radiance to temperature which is inversely proportional to wavelength.

4.2 Uncertainties of the spectral irradiance realization to primary working standards

Table 4 describes the additional uncertainties associated with the HTBB spectral irradiance including the components due to spectral emissivity, spatial uniformity, and temporal stability. Line 1 shows the expanded uncertainty of the spectral irradiance due to the 0.86 K expanded temperature uncertainty at 2950 K. The uncertainties due to the spectral emissivity in line 2 and the spatial uniformity uncertainty in line 3 of the HTBB are then assigned from the data in Fig. 3 where two different blackbodies were compared. The temporal stability of the HTBB component in line 4 has been measured as shown in Fig. 4 and also constantly monitored using the optical feedback at the rear of the cavity. The uncertainties in the alignment of the apertures and in the distance measurements are included in the geometric factor uncertainty in line 5.

Lines 6 to 9 pertain to the transfer of the spectral irradiance to PWS using the spectroradiometer. The detectors used in the spectroradiometers have shown better than 0.1 % ($k = 2$) stability during the spectral irradiance measurements, but in the ultraviolet wavelength region, the integrating sphere used to collect the irradiance can change in throughput due to changes in the spectral reflectance of the coating [29]. The increase in the uncertainty at 2400 nm is due to the stability of the spectroradiometer responsivity.
from the performance of the InGaAs detector near its bandgap wavelength. In line 7, a substantial contribution to the total uncertainty comes from the uncertainty in the absolute wavelength, especially in the ultraviolet wavelength region where the responsivity changes rapidly, due to the spectrally dependent coatings on mirrors in the spectroradiometer. To minimize this contribution, the wavelength drive of the spectroradiometer has an absolute optical encoder attached to the shaft, and piece-wise continuous polynomial corrections are applied to achieve ±0.05 nm standard uncertainty in the wavelength.

4.3 Uncertainties of the issued spectral irradiance standards

For determination of the uncertainties on the issued standards, additional components arising from the lamp-to-lamp transfer and long-term stability of the working standards are added in lines 10 and 11. An additional increase in the total uncertainties arises from the possible temporal drift of the PWS. All lamps standards are subjected to screening procedure for temporal drift, and lamps that change by more than 0.5 % at 650 nm over the duration of 24 operational hours are rejected from further evaluation as possible standards. The temporal drift is found to be inversely proportional to the wavelength, and is accordingly larger at the shorter wavelengths. Figure 10 plots the expanded uncertainties of the PWS along with the total uncertainties of the issued spectral irradiance standards with respect to SI units. The increase in the ultraviolet wavelength region and the increase in the uncertainties at 2400 nm is discussed above.

Figure 10. The expanded uncertainties of the PWS and the total uncertainties of the issued spectral irradiance standards with respect to SI units.
To determine whether the uncertainties have been correctly determined, data from separate independent scale realizations of an FEL lamp (F210) were analyzed. Figure 11 shows the percent differences from the mean in the detector-based spectral irradiance of the lamp with three independent assignments from 250 nm to 900 nm and from three other separate assignments 800 nm to 2400 nm over four separate days. The spectral irradiance assignments show that the three independent scale realizations for a particular wavelength region are all within the assigned \((k = 2)\) expanded uncertainties of the 2000 spectral irradiance scale. The temperature of the HTBB was determined on each of the days during the realization and the spectral irradiance responsivity was assigned about 30 min after a temperature assignment using the filter radiometers. The separate spectral irradiance assignments are all within the expanded uncertainties.

4.4 International comparisons to support the NIST assigned uncertainties

The NIST assigned uncertainties are used in international intercomparisons of radiometric scales such as the CCPR k1-a key comparison where the spectral irradiance scales of 13 different countries were compared using 1000 W FEL lamps as the comparison artifacts [30]. The results of the measurements are compared using a weighted mean with the weights being the inverse of the respective national measurement laboratory’s (NMI) uncertainties squared. The spectral irradiances measured by the individual NMI are then compared against the weighted mean to determine the degrees of equivalence between the respective NMIs and also to determine if the differences from the weighted world mean or the Key Comparison Reference Value (KCRV) are within

![Figure 11](image-url)
the expanded uncertainties stated by the respective NMI. The detailed results of the comparison can be seen in Ref. 29. The differences of the NIST measurements from the KCRV were all within the expanded NIST uncertainties.

**Table 4.** Uncertainty components for the HTBB temperature determination. At the HTBB temperature of 2950 K, an irradiance response uncertainty of 0.26 % corresponds to a temperature uncertainty of 0.86 K (k = 2).

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<tr>
<td>Area of HTBB aperture</td>
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<td>Combined expanded uncertainty [k = 2]</td>
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Table 5. Uncertainty Budget for Spectral Irradiance Calibrations Using FASCAL 2.

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<td><strong>Overall uncertainty of the test with respect to SI units</strong></td>
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**Note:** The Type A or Type B evaluation of the uncertainty is indicated in parentheses.
5. Future Work

The development of FASCAL 2, a dedicated spectral irradiance realization and calibration facility, and the implementation of the detector-based spectral irradiance scale have lead to lower total uncertainties and faster calibration throughput of the spectral irradiance standards. Currently, lamps in 4 stations can be turned on or off with computer control enabling automated calibrations with the only manual operation that of placing the lamps in their mounts. The implementation of “Once is Enough” program [7] of having quality-control charts and eliminating repetitive measurements requires even better understanding of the calibration process so that the low uncertainties can be routinely maintained. One of the best ways to ensure that the calibration standards are within the specified uncertainties is to measure the same quantity with two different realization chains to compare the different ways of approaching the same quantity. This approach can help discover systematic sources of uncertainties which can be unknown with just a single approach.

The assigned spectral irradiances derived from the HTBB can also validated by direct measurements with a calibrated filter radiometer. The filter radiometers can be calibrated for spectral irradiance responsivity from the NIST Spectral Irradiance and Radiance responsivity Calibrations using Uniform Sources (SIRCUS) facility [31] using monochromatic radiation which overfills the entrance aperture of the filter radiometers. If filter radiometers can be developed to cover a selected wavelength region to measure every FEL lamp operated in FASCAL 2, their measured irradiance response with their calculated irradiance response can be compared. If the entrance aperture is placed at exactly 50 cm away from the FEL mount, aligned to the optical axis, then the calculated irradiance response, \( v_C \), is given by,

\[
  v_C = G \int (s_E \cdot E) d\lambda
\]

where \( G \) is the preamplifier gain in volts/amp, \( s_E \) is the measured absolute spectral irradiance responsivity, and \( E \) is the assigned spectral irradiance from FASCAL 2. Since the absolute spectral irradiance responsivity can be determined with expanded uncertainties of < 0.1% in the visible wavelength region, then the calculated irradiance response should be in agreement with the measure response to within the uncertainties of the NIST assigned values in Table 4. We are in the process of implementing the above procedure.

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References


Appendix A. Lamp Selection Process

Before the FEL lamps are selected as spectral irradiance standards, the lamps are put through an aging and screening processes. Since lamps will typically become more stable with operating hours, the aging process is to accelerate the long-term stable behavior of the lamps by operating the lamps at slightly higher electrical power than their calibrated use. When the FEL lamps are obtained from the vendor, the lamps are aged by operating them at a constant voltage of 120 VDC, higher than their operating voltage, for 4 hours. The lamps are also operated at constant current of 8.2 ADC for 48 hours. The lamps are then placed in brass holders and then potted using ceramic cement.

A.1 Spectral Screening

The screening of the lamps is performed using a spectroradiometer. The lamps are measured using a double monochromator for the presence of spectral features. The lamps are scanned from 250 nm to 400 nm every 0.1 nm with 0.02 mm entrance slit width resulting in ~ 0.04 nm bandwidth. In order to increase the measured signal this procedure is performed with a mirror in place of the integrating sphere. The result of such a scan is shown in Fig. 1. Although in the past the presence of such lines would lead to rejection of any lamps which exhibit such features, at present, all lamps with the features are accepted since we are not able to find any lamps without the spectral features. The measurements are performed using a photomultiplier tube (PMT) and the abrupt changes in the signal at ~ 265 nm and at ~ 315 nm are due to the changes in the high-voltage bias of the PMT. The emission lines are indicated in Fig. 1 along with an absorption feature at ~ 280 nm. The measured emission lines along with the listed aluminum emission wavelengths from the CRC Handbook [1] are listed in Table 1. The

![Figure A1](image-url)
differences are within the uncertainties of the wavelength setting of the spectroradiometer. The aluminum is attributed to contamination of the tungsten filament during the manufacturing process. The high operational temperature of the tungsten filament in the FEL lamp leads to thermal excitation of the aluminum resulting in the spectral emission.

Table A1. The measured wavelengths and the listed wavelengths from the CRC handbook. The differences are within the wavelength uncertainties of the spectroradiometer.

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A.2 Temporal stability check

Lamps are measured for long-term temporal stability of the spectral irradiance at 654.6 nm. These measurements are to ensure that lamps which are calibrated by NIST can maintain their calibrations over an extended period of time. The measurements are performed with the Si diode detector to maintain stable spectral irradiance responsivity. Any lamp calibrated by NIST must be stable to better than 0.5 % in spectral irradiance at 654.6 nm over a 24 hour period. Figure A2 shows the voltage, current and the signal from a photometer monitoring an FEL lamp over a 48 h period. All the measured values are plotted as ratios to the initial value. Although the current held stable, the voltage can change leading to changes in the radiation. The optical output can be seen to generally correlated with the electrical power.

![Figure A2](image)

Figure A2. The optical power and the measured voltage across the FEL lamp under constant current conditions. The values plotted are ratioed to the initial values. This FEL lamp would be accepted under the current NIST screening criteria.

Most lamps are stable to 0.3 % over a 24 h time period. The stability of the responsivity of the spectroradiometer is < 0.1 % over the time period. FEL lamps typically exhibit a slow drift of the spectral irradiance over the monitoring time duration. Rejected lamps change at faster rates or exhibit bi-stable outputs. An example of a lamp showing bi-stable output is shown in Fig. A3. Although the current to the lamp is held stable, the
voltage fluctuates leading to a fluctuation in the optical output. The lamp seems to recover after 24 hours.

Figure A3. The optical power and the measured voltage across the FEL lamp under constant current conditions. The values plotted are ratioed to the initial values. This FEL lamp would not accepted under the current NIST screening criteria.

Although the changes of the lamp due to slow aging are expected to be faster at the shorter wavelengths, the long-term temporal stability screenings are performed at 654.6 nm since the radiance temperature realizations are performed at this wavelength. Currently about 90% of the lamps tested meet this requirement.

A.3 Goniometric Scans

Since the FEL lamps are sometimes used outside the calibrated 1 cm² area in the direct optical axis of the alignment jig, the non-uniformity of the projected irradiance is measure by rotation and tilt of the FEL lamp placed in a goniometric cradle. A representative goniometric map is shown in Fig. A4. For the lamps to pass goniometric

Figure A4. The percent differences in the spectral irradiances at 650 nm with angular tilts of the FEL lamp. The lamps are uniform with respect to horizontal rotation and are much more sensitive to the vertical rotation. This particular lamp shows < 1.0 % change in the spectral irradiance with 1 ° change in any direction.
screening, FEL lamps must not exhibit more than 1 % change in the spectral irradiance at 654.6 nm as measured with the integrating sphere in place with a \( \pm 1.0^\circ \) rotation in any direction. Currently, about 95 % of the lamps measured meet this selection criterion. Upon special request FEL lamps can be further measured at greater angles. Contour plot of the percent difference of the spectral irradiance from the center is shown in Fig. 4. The irradiance is measured as a function of the vertical and horizontal angle of the FEL lamp. The figure shows the large changes in the spectral irradiance with respect to the vertical angle and the slow changes with the horizontal angle. Since the FEL lamp is much more physically symmetric with respect to horizontal rotation, the relative insensitivity of the spectral irradiance is shown.

Appendix B. Orientation dependence of the FEL lamps

Due to the electrical heating induced by the close to ~1000 W of electrical power dissipated by the FEL lamps, the lamp filament and the envelope are at high operating temperatures. Since the lamps are operated in air, steady-state temperature of the lamp envelope and the filament are dependent upon the air convection. Measurements of the spectral irradiance with changing FEL orientation have shown that the orientation of the FEL lamp can affect the spectral irradiance output by changing the filament temperature.

A fixture consisting of the FEL lamp and a filter radiometer was constructed so that the FEL lamp could be operated in each of the three orientations to the reference aperture of the filter radiometer as shown in Fig. 1. Since the mechanical mount of the fixture could be turned in each of the different orientations as a system, the rigid supports allowed reproducible changes in the lamp orientations. The filter radiometer consisted of Si diodes in a trap configuration with a manually controlled filter wheel to place various filters into the optical path. The filters consisted of narrow-band interference filters from above 300 nm to close to 1000 nm.

![Figure B1](image-url)  
*Figure B1.* The respective orientations of the FEL lamp during its measurements. A specially designed fixture allowed rigid support of the lamp and the radiometer during the different changes in the orientations.
The lamp and the filter radiometer were placed to have the FEL in the vertical geometry. The initial signals from the filter radiometer was measured and recorded for comparisons with the later measurements. The lamp was turned off and removed. The entire configuration was rotated to the side position as shown in Fig. 1 and then the lamp placed back for measurements with the filter radiometer. The results of the filter radiometer measurements are shown in Fig. B2. Figure B2 shows the ratios of the signals to the initial vertical signals. The vertical signals, as shown by the triangles in Fig. B2, measured after the side and the horizontal orientations indicate that the FEL and the filter radiometer combined is reproducible to < 0.5 % in this spectral range. The side and the horizontal orientations show spectrally dependent drop in the spectral irradiance indicative of a change in the temperature of the filament and the lamp envelope. If the direction of the long axis of the lamp causes more effective convective cooling, then such cooling could be the cause of the greater change in the shorter wavelengths as observed in Fig. B2. It is not clear why there should be differences between the side and the horizontal configurations.

![Figure B2](image)

**Figure B2.** The signal ratios to the initial vertical orientation. After the side and the horizontal configurations, the lamp was returned to the vertical position and shows that the lamp is repeatable to within < 1 % from 300 nm to 900 nm.

The above study demonstrates the dependence of the spectral irradiance on the angular orientation of the FEL lamp. If the uncertainties as issued by NIST are to be propagated without a substantial increase, then any changes to the spectral irradiances caused by a change in the mounting configuration should be assessed.
Appendix C. Physical alignment of the FEL lamp

This section describes the mounting and the alignment procedure for the NIST FEL lamps. The FEL lamps from the manufacturers are mounted into brass adapters which are in turn attached to stainless steel posts for incorporation into NIST lamp assemblies. The alignment of the optical axis is performed using a lamp jig shown in Fig. C1. The lamp mount is first prepared by assembling stable, opto-mechanical

![Diagram of FEL lamp alignment](image)

**Figure C1.** The physical alignment of the FEL lamp in an optomechanical mount in NIST FASCAL 2. The mount should have enough degrees of freedom so that the optical axis can be aligned. The lamp serial number (S/N) should be on the side facing away from the radiometer.

components as shown in Fig. C1. First the lamp jig is mounted and the lamp fixture is adjusted so that the lamp jig is level with respect to the ground by using a spirit level. Then a laser is placed behind the lamp jig so that the laser is perpendicular to the lamp jig and centered on the opening of the integrating sphere. The optical axis is defined by attaching a flat glass plate to the opening of the integrating sphere at the left and retro-reflecting back to the alignment mark on the lamp jig. The distance of 50.00 cm is set between the opening of the integrating sphere and the front surface of the lamp jig. The front surface of the lamp jig is coincident with the front surface of the stainless steel posts of the FEL lamp. At NIST, two baffles around the optical axis are used to reduce the
stray light since the integrating sphere receiver is sensitive to a wide-angular field of view. A third, rear-base baffle is used to cover the slightly reflective base of the FEL lamp from the receiver. The height of the rear baffle is adjusted until center of the lamp base is aligned with the lower edge of the integrating sphere opening. The base of the lamp with the serial number carved into the brass plate is placed on the side away from the opening of the spectroradiometer.
Appendix D. Atmospheric absorption and FEL interpolations

D1. Atmospheric absorption

Currently, the spectral irradiance scale is realized on FEL lamps at 35 separate wavelengths from 250 nm to 2400 nm. In the ultraviolet wavelength region from 250 nm to 400 nm, due to possible rapid changes in the spectral irradiance from current instability and lamp aging, the spectral irradiances are assigned at every 10 nm. Past 400 nm, the realizations are performed at selected wavelengths chosen to avoid atmospheric absorption. The 1 m path atmospheric transmittance for standard, sea-level altitude conditions \([1]\) along with the spectral irradiances from an FEL lamp are shown in Fig. 1. The absorption is from the presence of water and CO\(_2\) and will vary with humidity and other atmospheric conditions. Since the FEL lamps are operated standard laboratory environments, if the calibrated wavelengths of the spectral irradiances are coincident with the atmospheric absorption, then the stability of the spectral irradiance will be reduced. The spectral irradiances at the wavelengths where the atmospheric absorption will reduce the stability are purposely avoided.

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\[ \mu W/cm^2 nm \]

\[ \text{Wavelength [ nm ]} \]

\[ \text{Atmospheric Transmittance (1 m path)} \]

\[ \text{Spectral Irradiance [ \mu W/cm^2 nm ]} \]

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\[ 0.2 \]

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\[ 1500 \]

\[ 2000 \]

\[ 2500 \]

\[ \text{Wavelength [ nm ]} \]

\[ 0 \]

\[ 5 \]

\[ 10 \]

\[ 15 \]

\[ 20 \]

\[ 25 \]

\[ \text{Figure D1.} \] The atmospheric transmittance for a 1 m path at standard sea level conditions along with the spectral irradiances of an FEL lamp. The spectral irradiance realizations at wavelengths coinciding with atmospheric absorption are purposely avoided.
D2. FEL interpolations

FEL lamps are used in photometry to determine correlated color temperatures and distribution temperatures. The lamps are also sometimes used to realize other photometric units such as the lumen. Since the photopic response or the *spectral luminous efficiency function for photopic vision* and the CIE (Commision Internationale de l’Eclairage) color matching functions for chromaticity are given at 1 nm intervals [2], the use of FEL lamps under such conditions requires interpolation of the spectral irradiances at finer wavelength intervals than those realized. Two of the interpolation approaches are described below. Both of these interpolations can be performed using a program <Fitirrad> [3] which can be provided, on request, by the Optical Technology Division of NIST.

The spectral irradiance from the FEL lamp is determined by factors such as the temperature of the coiled-coil tungsten filament, the tungsten emissivity, the quartz lamp-envelope transmittance and the physical structure of the filament. The spectral shape of the FEL lamp can be fitted by an interpolation function which is derived from Planck’s radiation law. The interpolation function used at NIST utilizes a 4th order polynomial-modified Wien approximation,

\[ E_\lambda = \left( A_0 + A_1 \cdot \lambda + A_2 \cdot \lambda^2 + A_4 \cdot \lambda^4 + A_5 \cdot \lambda^5 \right) / \lambda^5 \cdot \exp \left( A_6 + \frac{c_2}{\lambda T} \right), \]  

where \( \lambda \) is the wavelength, \( T \) is the fitted temperature, \( c_2 \) is the second radiation constant, and \( A_0 \) to \( A_5 \) are fitted parameters. The polynomial term accounts for the emissivity of the FEL lamp. Due to the possible oscillations, which can arise from fitting of high-order polynomials if the data grid is sparse, especially at the endpoints of the fitting, the spectrum is broken into spectral regions. Currently, for the NIST-issued program the spectrum is separated into three sections; 250 nm to 350 nm for the ultraviolet region, 350 nm to 800 nm for the visible region, and 800 nm to 2400 nm for the near-infrared and the short-wave infrared region. Other, modified interpolation functions can be also used [4]. As observed from the atmospheric transmission shown in Fig. 1, interpolation through the wavelength region with absorption lines will lead to larger uncertainties.

Since the polynomial fitting utilizes minimization of the chi-squared sum over the range of the fitted wavelengths, the resulting uncertainties of the interpolated values can have higher correlations with the spectral irradiances at other wavelengths [5]. To avoid additional increases in uncertainties arising from the correlations due to the fitting, the spectral irradiances can also be fit by natural cubic spline. The program issued by NIST has provisions for both types of fitting. The uncertainties of the interpolated values of the spectral irradiance is expected to increase by < 0.5 % (\( k = 2 \)) depending on the region of the fit.

References:

3. *Fitirrad.vbp* (program provided by NIST for polynomial or cubic-spline fitting of spectral irradiances)


REPORT OF CALIBRATION
39045C Spectral Irradiance Standard, 1000 W Tungsten Quartz-Halogen Lamp
(250 nm to 2400 nm)

for

Osram Sylvania, Model # T6, Serial # F-000

Issued to:
Radiometric Systems Incorporated
Attn.: Mr. Art Monk
123 Calibration Court
Measurement City, MD 00000-0000

(See your Purchase Order No. AB123, dated March 28, 2011)

1. Description of Calibration Item

A 1000 W, quartz-halogen lamp with a coiled-coil tungsten filament was calibrated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as a standard of spectral irradiance from 250 nm to 2400 nm. The lamp is mounted in a medium bi-post base. The serial number is located on the rear of the lamp base opposite the side viewed by the spectroradiometer.

Spectral scans of the lamp from 250 nm to 400 nm in 0.1 nm steps revealed emission lines at 257 nm, 309 nm, and 395 nm when using a spectroradiometer with a spectral bandwidth that varies with wavelength from 0.04 nm at 250 nm to 0.08 nm at 400 nm. The intensities of these lines are as much as 20 % greater than the adjacent continuum. A decrease in the lamp output due to absorption was observed at 279 nm. This decrease can be as much as 20 % below the adjacent continuum. While data is reported at 280 nm, care should be taken when measurements are made near 279 nm. Historically, these emission lines and absorption bands have been known to change with burning time. This calibration was performed with a spectral bandwidth that varied from 4 nm to 8 nm. The emissions lines and absorption bands are not measurable with bandwidths larger than 1 nm. If your instrument has a narrow spectral bandwidth, checks should be made in the area of the emission lines and absorption band.

Laboratory Environment:
Temperature: 23 °C ± 1 °C                   Relative Humidity: 23 % ± 5 %

Calibration Date: March 31, 2011
NIST Test No: 685/123456-11
2. Description of Calibration

The lamp was calibrated in the new NIST Facility for Automated Spectroradiometric Calibrations (FASCAL 2) using the equipment and procedures described in Ref. [1]. The lamp was measured at a distance of 50 cm from the entrance aperture of the integrating sphere with an aperture area of 1.0027 cm$^2$. The sphere viewed approximately a 9 cm diameter target in the plane of the front surface of the lamp bi-posts. With this geometry, the entire lamp was viewed from the top of the lamp envelope down to the top half of the black lamp base. Light baffling was used between the lamp and the spectroradiometer integrating sphere to minimize effects of scattered light. The alignment of the lamp is described in the next paragraph.

The lamp was mounted vertically, base down with the brass identification plate facing away from the spectroradiometer. An alignment jig was placed in the kinematic lamp socket and aligned. This was accomplished by placing a spirit level on top of the jig and then by adjusting the angle about the optical axis until the level was balanced. The alignment jig target area, which is indicated by cross hairs, is centered between the bi-posts and located 9.5 cm above the bottom of the jig bi-posts. This target area was centered vertically and horizontally onto the optical axis. The jig was set perpendicular to the optical axis by reflecting the spectroradiometer laser beam back onto itself. The distance along the optical axis from the target area surface to the surface of the sphere aperture was set at 50 cm. The target area surface is in the plane with the front surface of the bi-posts. This alignment procedure sets the alignment jig bi-posts relative to the optical axis of the spectroradiometer. The jig was removed and the lamp was placed in the aligned socket.

The test lamp was spectrally compared to the following working standards: F-350, F-352, and F-353 to determine its spectral irradiance. The spectral irradiance values for this standard lamp were assigned relative to the 2000 NIST Spectral Irradiance Scale [2].

3. Results of Calibration

Table 1 and Figure 1 give the spectral irradiance of the test lamp versus the wavelength in nm.

Table 2 gives the calibration uncertainties in percent relative to the International System of Units (SI Units). The relative expanded uncertainties (coverage factor $k = 2$) have a level of confidence of 95 %. Details on the estimation of these uncertainties are given in Ref. [2]. The NIST policy on uncertainty statements is described in Ref. [3].

Calibration Date: March 31, 2011
NIST Test No: 685/123456-11
4. General Information

To maintain the highest accuracy, keep the lamp envelope clean and have the lamp recalibrated periodically. Appropriate calibration schedules vary with lamp and application and are best determined by the user.

The lamp is operated on DC power. The lamp polarity is indicated on the lamp base identification plate.

The results of this calibration apply only to the lamp referenced in this report. This report shall not be reproduced, except in full, without the written approval of the Spectroradiometric Source Measurements Calibration Service.

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REPORT OF CALIBRATION
Manufacturer: Osram Sylvania
Model #: T6
Serial #: F-000

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For reference only: The voltage drop across the lamp during the calibration was 113.13 V.
Figure 1. Calibration results of 1000 W Quartz Halogen Lamp
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**Note:** The Type A or Type B evaluation of the uncertainty is indicated in parentheses.
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Lamp

Baffle

View half way down base

Integrating sphere

9 cm
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Safety Precautions

Safety glasses are required in the lab depending on task performed.

The following hazards have been identified in this lab. Safety measures are in place to reduce the risk of injury from the hazards below.

**BRIGHT SOURCE**
Avoid staring at the source
Retina damage possible
If source viewing is necessary, then use the correct neutral density filter

**BURN**
Keep body and clothes away

**COLLISION**
Keep the source table path clear
Do not hang cables from source table

**ELECTROCUTION**
High voltage connections present
Do not touch electrical parts
Have a 2nd party present when working on a high power/voltage source

**LASER**
Retina damage from viewing the direct and indirect laser beam, and skin burns if the laser is powerful enough

Contain or block laser beam and turn off when not in use

If the laser beam is powerful enough and not contained then laser glasses/goggles are required.

Do not wear reflective items that may fall into the laser beam

**OZONE**
Avoid long exposure and get plenty of fresh air
Over exposure to ozone can cause head aches
UV
Avoid skin and eye exposure
Can burn skin and eyes

Symbols, similar to the one below, are used throughout this document to alert the operator to potential hazards.

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FASCAL2 Data Acquisition (DAQ) Program Operation

1. DAQ program (*FEL Transfer.vi*)
   1.1. The DAQ program communicates with the Lamp Current Control program (see IRR-CP-IRR3) to ramp up the lamp, waits 20 minutes for the lamp to stabilize, measures the lamp and then ramps down the lamp. Measurements are performed for the lamps entered into the DAQ program.
   1.2. The DAQ program uses SubVIs to perform the various tasks
   1.3. Load the LabVIEW program: `c:\FC2 Docs\DAQ Program\ FEL Transfer.vi` (do one of the following)
      1.3.1. From the start menu
         1.3.1.1. Click **Start**
         1.3.1.2. Click **FEL Transfer**
      1.3.2. From Windows Explorer
         1.3.2.1. Locate **FEL Transfer.vi** and double click to open
      1.3.3. From LabVIEW
         1.3.3.1. Open LabVIEW
         1.3.3.2. Click **FEL Transfer.vi**
   1.4. Run the program (do one of the following)
      1.4.1. Press **Ctrl+R**
      1.4.2. Click the Run icon ▶ on the tool bar
      1.4.3. Click the menu item **Operate** then **Run**
   1.5. Enter **Lamp Serial Numbers**
   1.6. Click **Start Scan**

2. Lamp scan program (*Lamp Scan.vi*)
   2.1. The lamp scan program scans the dark signal then the full scale signal at each wavelength for one spectral range determined by the detector used
   2.2. The lamp scan program **does not** communicate with the lamp current control program

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2.3. The DAQ program runs the lamp scan program three times to cover the entire calibration range. Each run creates one raw data file and formatted data file. The three formatted data files are combined into a new file which contains the net signals and percent standard deviation of the net signal data for all three ranges.

2.3.1. Format of raw data file

2.3.1.1. Filename: F000xmmddyyyya.raw
2.3.1.2. Wavelength [nm], McPherson absolute encoder reading, date, time
2.3.1.3. Lamp station, lamp serial number, Heidehain linear encoder reading
2.3.1.4. Dark signals [V], wavelength [nm], McPherson absolute encoder reading, Aerotech Z-axis position [mm], dark signal mean [V], percent standard deviation of the dark signal
2.3.1.5. Station 1 current [A], station 2 current [A], station 3 current [A], station 4 current [A], station 1 voltage [V], station 2 voltage [V], station 3 voltage [V], station 4 voltage [V]
2.3.1.6. Full scale signals [V], wavelength [nm], McPherson absolute encoder reading, Aerotech Z-axis position [mm], full scale signal mean [V], percent standard deviation of the full scale signal [%]

2.3.2. Format of formatted data file

2.3.2.1. Filename: F000xmmddyyyya.fmt
2.3.2.2. Wavelength [nm], McPherson absolute encoder reading, date, time, lamp station, lamp serial number, Heidehain linear encoder reading, wavelength [nm], net signal mean [V], percent standard deviation of the net signal [%]

2.3.3. Format of combined data file

2.3.3.1. Filename: F000xmmddyyyya.-F000xmmddyyyyb.F000xmmddyyyyc.-prs
2.3.3.2. Wavelength [nm], net signal [V], percent standard deviation of the net signal [%]

2.4. The lamp scan program can run alone to measure one spectral range for one lamp

2.5. The DAQ program sets up the monochromator for each spectral range. Use the motion control program to set up the monochromator when using the lamp scan program as a stand-alone program.

2.6. Select the Grating
2.7. Select the **Lamp Station**
2.8. Enter the **Lamp S/N**
2.9. Select the **Detector**

2.10. Run the program

3. Motion control program (*Motionmenu.vi*)

3.1. Run the motion control program to load the menu options

3.2. The menu options

3.2.1. Enable Axis

3.2.1.1. Detector Stage
3.2.1.2. Wavelength
3.2.1.3. Main Table

3.2.2. Home Axis

3.2.2.1. Detector Stage
3.2.2.2. Wavelength
3.2.2.3. Main Table

3.2.3. Move Axis

3.2.3.1. Detector Stage

3.2.3.1.1. Silicon
3.2.3.1.2. InGaAs
3.2.3.1.3. HeNe Laser

3.2.3.2. Wavelength
3.2.3.3. Main Table

3.2.4. Shutter

3.2.4.1. Lamp 1

3.2.4.1.1. Open
3.2.4.1.2. Close
3.2.4.2. Lamp 2
  3.2.4.2.1. Open
  3.2.4.2.2. Close

3.2.4.3. Lamp 3
  3.2.4.3.1. Open
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3.2.4.4. Lamp 4
  3.2.4.4.1. Open
  3.2.4.4.2. Close

3.2.4.5. Open All
3.2.4.6. Close All

3.2.5. Monochromator
  3.2.5.1. Grating
    3.2.5.1.1. UV-VIS
    3.2.5.1.2. IR
  3.2.5.2. Wavelength
  3.2.5.3. Exit mirrors
    3.2.5.3.1. Single monochromator
  3.2.5.3.2. Double monochromator
    3.2.5.3.2.1. PMT
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4. Lamp stability program (*FEL Stability.vi*)

4.1. The lamp stability program measures selected lamps periodically (usually once an hour over a 22 hour period)

4.2. This program communicates with the lamp current control program and starts the stability measurements after the lamps have operated for 20 minutes

4.3. This program **does not** ramp down the lamps at the end of the measurement

4.4. Run program

4.5. Select **Lamps to be Measured**

4.6. Click **Press to Run**

4.7. Enter **filename**

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**Figure Irr1.3.** Sample raw data from lamp scan program

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**Figure Irr1.4.** Sample formatted data from lamp scan program

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Figure Irr1.5. Sample combined formatted data from DAQ program. The three formatted data files from the lamp scan program are combined into a single file.
Figure Irr1.6. Front panel of *MotionMenu.vi*
Figure Irr1.7. Front panel of *FEL Stability.vi*
Quartz Halogen Lamp (QHL) Alignment

1. The spectral irradiance is measured at 50 cm from the receiving aperture of the spectroradiometer to the front surface of the lamp bi-posts.

2. The lamp is operated in a kinematic lamp socket.

3. Lamp alignment overview

   3.1. The lamp is measured at a distance of 50 cm from the entrance aperture of the integrating sphere with an aperture area of 1.0027 cm². The sphere views approximately a 9 cm diameter target in the plane of the front surface of the lamp bi-posts. With this geometry, the entire lamp is viewed from the top of the lamp envelope down to the top half of the black lamp base. Light baffling is used between the lamp and the spectroradiometer integrating sphere to minimize effects of scattered light.

   3.2. The lamp is mounted vertically, base down with the brass identification plate facing away from the spectroradiometer. The lamp serial number and electrical polarity are indicated on the plate. An alignment jig is placed in the kinematic lamp socket and aligned. This is accomplished by placing a spirit level on top of the jig and then by adjusting the angle about the optical axis until the level is balanced. The alignment jig target area, which is indicated by cross hairs, is centered between the bi-posts and located 9.5 cm above the bottom of the jig bi-posts. This target area is centered vertically and horizontally onto the optical axis. The jig is set perpendicular to the optical axis by reflecting the spectroradiometer laser beam back onto itself. The distance along the optical axis from the target area surface to the surface of the sphere aperture is set at 50 cm. The target area surface is in the plane with the front surface of the bi-posts. This alignment procedure sets the alignment jig bi-posts relative to the optical axis of the spectroradiometer. The jig is removed and the lamp is placed in the aligned socket.

4. Run the motion control (see IRR-CP-IRR1)

5. Align the integrating sphere

   5.1. Put a dummy lamp in lamp station 4
5.2. Turn on the lamp
5.3. Move the main table to lamp station 4
5.4. Use the scope to view the image of the integrating sphere exit port on the monochromator slit
5.5. Adjust the spherical mirror to center the image of the integrating sphere exit port on the monochromator slit

6. Align the lamp sockets
   6.1. Use the motion control program to position the internal laser (see IRR-CP-IRR1)
   6.2. Set grating to UV-VIS (grating #1)
   6.3. Set exit mirror to double monochromator (Si, InGaAs, HeNe setting)
   6.4. Set filter wheel to position 6
   6.5. Set wavelength to 632.8
   6.6. Turn on internal laser
   6.7. Check that laser illuminates the sphere (this verifies the spectroradiometer settings)
   6.8. Turn off internal laser
   6.9. Put alignment jig in lamp station 1
   6.10. Move the main table to lamp station 1
   6.11. Turn on external laser
   6.12. Install beam splitter
   6.13. Align external laser on the center of the integrating sphere (IS) aperture
   6.14. Move the main table to lamp station 0
   6.15. Remove integrating sphere
   6.16. Put in mirror
   6.17. Turn on internal laser
   6.18. Move the main table to lamp station 1
   6.19. Align internal laser onto external laser by adjusting the mirror
   6.20. Align alignment jig using the internal laser
   6.21. Remove mirror
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6.22. Put in integrating sphere
6.23. Use the distance gauge to measure 50 cm from the aperture of the integrating sphere to the front surface of the alignment jig

7. Repeat alignment for lamp stations 2 thru 4

8. Insert the lamp(s) in the lamp socket(s)
   8.1. Do not touch lamp envelope
   8.2. Place lamp in the socket
      8.2.1. Check lamp polarity
          8.2.1.1. Polarity is indicated on the brass plate
          8.2.2. Set brass plate with lamp serial number away from the spectroradiometer
          8.2.3. Use your left hand to place the lamp in the socket
          8.2.4. Hold the left post lightly against the socket terminal
          8.2.5. Turn the left socket knob counterclockwise to fasten the lamp
          8.2.6. Turn the right socket knob counterclockwise to fasten the lamp

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**Figure Irr2.** This drawing shows the target area viewed by the spectroradiometer integrating sphere.
Quartz Halogen Lamp (QHL) Operation

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1. Operating conditions
   1.1. The lamp is slowly ramped up to 8.2 A DC over 5 minutes.
   1.2. The lamp current is maintained at \((8.2000 \pm 0.0002)\) A during the calibration.
   1.3. Measurements are started after the lamp has stabilized for 20 min.

2. Align the lamp sockets (See IRR-CP-IRR2)

3. Do not touch lamp envelope

4. Place lamp(s) in the lamp socket(s)

5. Turn on the digital multimeter (DMM)

6. Turn on the digital-to-analog converter (D/A converter)

7. Check that the correct lamp power cable is connected to the power supply

8. Turn on all four power supplies

9. Load the lamp current control program (\(\text{Lamp Current Control.vi}\))
   9.1. The lamp current control program ramps up, regulates, and ramps down the lamp currents. The serial number, date, time, lamp current, lamp voltage, and burning time are stored in a summary file. The serial number, date, lamp current, lamp voltage, and total burning time are stored in a lamp time file.
   9.2. Turn on the computer
   9.3. Load the LabVIEW program: \(c:\FC2\PS Docs\Lamp Control Program\Lamp Current Control.vi\) (do one of the following)
      9.3.1. From the start menu
      9.3.1.1. Click \textbf{Start}
      9.3.1.2. Click \textbf{Lamp Current Control}
9.3.2. From Windows Explorer
   9.3.2.1. Locate \textit{Lamp Current Control.vi} and double click to open
9.3.3. From LabVIEW
   9.3.3.1. Open LabVIEW
   9.3.3.2. Click \textit{Lamp Current Control.vi}

9.4. Enter \textbf{Lamp} serial number
9.5. Enter Lamp \textbf{Current [A]}
9.6. Click the \textbf{Enable} button for the lamp(s) to ramp up
   9.6.1. The power output to the unselected lamps is disabled
9.7. If also running the DAQ program (\textit{FEL Transfer.vi}) (See IRR-CP-IRR1), enable only the first lamp. The DAQ program communicates with the Lamp Current Control program to ramp up the lamp, wait 20 minutes for the lamp to stabilize, measure the lamp and then ramp down the lamp. Measurements are performed for the lamps entered into the DAQ program.

10. Run the program (do one of the following)
   10.1. Press Ctrl+R
   10.2. Click the Run icon \textbullet{} on the tool bar
   10.3. Click the menu item \textbf{Operate} then \textbf{Run}

11. Enter the lamp data filename (psdatayyyymmdd.txt)
12. Turn off lamps
   12.1. Enter Lamp \textbf{Current [A]} (value = 0)
   12.2. Click the \textbf{Enable} button for the lamp(s) to ramp down

13. \textbf{MANUAL TURN OFF}
   13.1. Go to the supply
   13.2. Press the \textbf{LCL} button to set the power supply to the local mode
   13.3. Press the \textbf{Output Adjust} button and toggle to \textbf{Voltage}
   13.4. Press and hold the \textbf{Display setting} button
   13.5. Turn the \textbf{Output Adjust} knob counterclockwise until the display reads \textbf{0.00 volts}
   13.6. Turn off the supply

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14. MANUAL RESET AFTER ERROR

14.1. Reset power supply if Yellow LED is lit
14.2. Turn off the power supply
14.3. Turn on the power supply
14.4. Press the Output Adjust button and toggle to Voltage
14.5. Press and hold the Display setting button
14.6. Set the voltage limit by turning the Output Adjust knob clockwise until the display reads the target voltage limit (122.0 volts)
14.7. The constant current (CC) indicator light should now be lit

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High Temperature Blackbody (HTBB) Alignment

1. Run the motion control program (see IRR-CP-IRR1)

2. Align the integrating sphere (IS)
   2.1. Put a dummy lamp in lamp station 4
   2.2. Turn on the lamp
   2.3. Move the main table to lamp station 4
   2.4. Use the scope to view the image of the integrating sphere exit port on the monochromator slit
   2.5. Adjust the spherical mirror to center the image of the integrating sphere exit port on the monochromator slit
   2.6. Turn off the lamp

3. Define the HTBB optical axis
   3.1. Move the main table to lamp station 5
   3.2. Position the HTBB window approximately 50 cm from the IS aperture
   3.3. Level the HTBB housing
   3.4. Install a beam splitter (microscope slide cover) between the HTBB and the IS
   3.5. Install an external laser perpendicular to the optical axis
   3.6. Turn on the external laser
   3.7. Center the HTBB on the laser
   3.8. Adjust the HTBB until the laser goes through the center of the HTBB window and the center of the cavity bottom

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4. Align the water-cooled aperture (WCA)
   4.1. Use double stick tape to attach a microscope slide to the HTBB water-cooled aperture
   4.2. Position the WCA approximately 45 cm from the IS aperture
   4.3. Center the WCA on the optical axis
   4.4. Adjust the WCA until it is centered on the laser and normal to it

5. Align the HTBB
   5.1. Use double stick tape to attach a microscope slide to the IS aperture mount
   5.2. Align the external laser on the center of the integrating sphere (IS) aperture
       5.2.1. Do not make any adjustments to the IS
       5.2.2. Translate the main table to translate the IS in the horizontal axis
   5.3. Adjust the laser and/or the beam splitter until the laser is centered on the IS aperture and normal to it

6. Repeat sections 3 and 4 to realign the HTBB and WCA on the optical axis defined by the IS

7. Remove the beam splitter (microscope slide cover)

8. Remove the microscope slides from the apertures

9. Measure the distance between the WCA and the IS

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**Figure Irr4.** This drawing shows the optical layout for the HTBB alignment
1. HTBB Preparation
   1.1. Turn on the argon supply (set flow rate to 0.5 L/min (11 on the flow meter))
   1.2. Close the argon needle valve on the rear of the HTBB
   1.3. Turn on cold water to HTBB furnace (20 psi)
   1.4. Turn on chilled water (55 °F) to power supply (20 psi)
   1.5. Turn on cold water to the water-cooled aperture
   1.6. Purge the HTBB
      1.6.1. Install the vacuum plate and window cap on the front of the HTBB
      1.6.2. Check the vacuum fitting
      1.6.3. Connect the vacuum hose
      1.6.4. Open the valve to the vacuum pump
      1.6.5. Pump down the HTBB with the rough vacuum pump until the pressure reaches -100 kPa
      1.6.6. Close valve to vacuum pump
      1.6.7. Turn off vacuum pump
      1.6.8. Open the HTBB argon needle valve to the FULL position
      1.6.9. Close the HTBB argon needle valve when the pressure reaches 20 kPa
      1.6.10. Repeat the purging sequence two more times

2. Turn On Procedure
   2.1. Remove the vacuum plate and window cap from the front of HTBB
   2.2. Turn on the main circuit breaker

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2.3. Power supply specifications
   2.3.1. Input: 480 VAC, 3 Phase, 4 wire, Wye, 60 Hz, 27 kVA
   2.3.2. Output: 600 A at 30 VDC
   2.3.3. Current regulation: 0.0005% of maximum
   2.3.4. Voltage ripple: 55 mV peak to peak into resistive load
   2.3.5. Cooling: 5 GPM water at 50 PSID nominally
   2.3.6. Physical: 60” high x 23.25” wide x 28.25” deep
   2.3.7. Weight: 900 lbs

2.4. Turn power supply switch clockwise to the **ON** position (1)
2.5. Press the **Start** button on the power supply keypad

2.6. The **Red LED** is lit indicating that the power supply is **ON**

3. Operating Procedure

3.1. Load the Digital Multimeter Feedback Program: *c:\FC2 HTBB Docs\HTBB\22_hp3457_feedback.vi*

3.2. Note: The Digital Multimeter Feedback Program stores the HTBB detector signal in a global variable that is read by the HTBB Control Program
   3.2.1. Enter the GPIB address
   3.2.2. Enter the channel
   3.2.3. Enter the NPLC
   3.2.4. Select Function
      3.2.4.1. Initialize device
      3.2.4.2. Measurement
      3.2.4.3. Release device
   3.2.5. Run the Digital Multimeter Feedback Program

3.3. Load the HTBB Control Program: *c:\FC2 HTBB Docs\HTBB\BB3200_(main.exe).vi*

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3.4. The HTBB control program starts in the current control mode and ramps the HTBB from room temperature to 1700 ºC by ramping the current which corresponds to a nominal temperature. After the temperature set point is reached, the operator starts the PID control mode. In the PID mode, the program uses a moving set point to increase the temperature to approximately 2677 ºC. When the final temperature set point is achieved, the program maintains the set point for the duration of the measurements. At end of the measurements, the operator starts the current control mode and the program ramps the current to 0 A.

3.5. Ramp current from zero (Current Control Mode)

3.5.1. Click the power supply on button (green)
3.5.2. Enter the current slew rate A/sec: 0.1
3.5.3. Enter the target temperature, ºC
3.5.4. Enter the moving set temperature (enter the same value as the target temperature)
3.5.5. Click the PID button off (red)
3.5.6. Enter the Output filename
3.5.7. Run the HTBB control program

3.6. Ramp temperature to the final set point and monitor set point (PID Control Mode)

3.6.1. Enter the temperature rate, ºC/s (usually 1 to 3 ºC per second)
3.6.2. Enter upper limit
3.6.3. Enter lower limit
3.6.4. Click the PID button on (green)
3.6.5. Enter new moving set temperature, ºC

4. Turn Off Procedure (Current Control Mode)

4.1. Enter current slew rate A/sec: 0.1
4.2. Click the PID button off (red)
4.3. Enter zero (0) for the Target Temperature, ºC
4.4. Power supply will ramp down HTBB over 2 hours
4.5. Turn power supply switch counter clockwise to the OFF position (0)
4.6. Turn off the main circuit breaker
4.7. Turn off cold water to the HTBB furnace

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4.8. Turn off cold water to the HTBB aperture
4.9. Turn off chilled water to the power supply
4.10. Install vacuum plate and cap on front of HTBB
4.11. Turn off argon

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**Figure Irr5.1.** Front panel of the Digital Multimeter Feedback Program

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Figure Irr5.2. Front panel of the HTBB Control Program (BB3200_(main.exe).vi)
Filter Radiometer (FR) Alignment

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1. Run the motion control program (see IRR-CP-IRR1)
2. Align the high temperature blackbody (HTBB) (see IRR-CP-IRR4)
3. Use double stick tape to attach a microscope slide to the HTBB water-cooled aperture
4. Use double stick tape to attach a microscope slide to the FR aperture mount
5. Align the filter radiometer (FR)
   5.1. Move the FR to the HTBB position
   5.2. Align the FR on the HTBB optical axis
   5.3. Adjust the FR until the FR aperture is centered on the laser and normal to it
6. Repeat align for all filter radiometers
7. Remove the beam splitter (microscope slide cover)
8. Remove the microscope slides from the apertures
9. Measure the distance between the HTBB water-cooled aperture and the FR

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Figure Irr6. This drawing shows the optical layout for the HTBB and FR alignment.
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1. Run the motion control program (see IRR-CP-IRR1)
2. Align the quartz halogen lamp(s) (QHL) (see IRR-CP-IRR2)
3. Align the high temperature blackbody (HTBB) (see IRR-CP-IRR4)
4. Align the filter radiometer(s) (FR) (see IRR-CP-IRR6)
5. Turn on the HTBB (See IRR-CP-IRR5)
6. Measure the temperature of the HTBB using the FRs
   6.1. Load the Visual Basic program: c:\FASCAL Docs\DataAcQ\FASCAL.vbp
   6.2. Run the program
   6.3. Load the Filter radiometer measurements program (Frmeas.frm)
      6.3.1. Click HTBB vs. FRs from the Hardware.frm menu
      6.3.2. Enter the filter radiometer setup data
         6.3.2.1. Select the Use button(s)
         6.3.2.2. Enter the filter radiometer name(s)
         6.3.2.3. Enter the station (position in steps)
         6.3.2.4. Enter the digital multimeter channel
      6.3.3. Click the Set Pos. button to move the selected FR to the HTBB
      6.3.4. Click the Read Pos. button to read the current position of the selected FR and store the value in the station text box
      6.3.5. Select measurement mode (do one of the following)
         6.3.5.1. Measure N times
            6.3.5.1.1. Enter value in text box for N (typically N = 5)
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6.3.5.2. Measure once
6.3.6. Click the Save config. button
6.3.7. Enter the 3457A digital multimeter data
   6.3.7.1. Click the Read Once or Read button to read a FR signal
6.4. Measure the full scale signal
   6.4.1. Click the Measure FRs button
6.5. Put the rod shutter in front of the HTBB
6.6. Measure the dark signal
   6.6.1. Click the Measure FRs button
6.7. Calculate the net signals (do one of the following)
   6.7.1. Load the Visual Basic program: c:\FC Docs\Ereal\Ereal.vbp and run it
      6.7.1.1. Click Calc FR net signals from the FRTCalc.frm menu to load the FR net
               signal calculation program (FRSigCalc.frm)
   6.7.1.2. Enter the input filename
   6.7.1.3. Enter the output filename
   6.7.1.4. Enter the number of groups of full scale signals
   6.7.1.5. Enter the number of full scale signals per group
   6.7.1.6. Enter the number of dark signals per group
   6.7.1.7. Click the Reduce FR file button
6.7.2. Open the measurement data file for each filter radiometer in a spreadsheet and
       calculate the net signals
7. Measure the spectral irradiance of the HTBB using the spectroradiometer (see IRR-CP-IRR1)
8. Measure the spectral irradiance of the QHL(s) (see IRR-CP-IRR8)
9. Measure the temperature of the HTBB using the FRs (repeat section 6)
10. Calculate the HTBB temperature from the FR measurements
    10.1. Load the Visual Basic program: c:\FC Docs\Ereal\Ereal.vbp and run it
    10.2. The Calculate HTBB temperature and irradiance program (FRTCalc.frm) is loaded

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10.3. Step 1: Load the FR parameter file
10.3.1. Select the FR button
10.3.2. Click the Load FR values button

10.4. Step 2: Calculate the HTBB temperature
10.4.1. Enter the FR measurement date
10.4.2. Enter the FR net signal
10.4.3. The other parameters are loaded in Step 1
   10.4.3.1. The white boxes are used for data entry
   10.4.3.2. The gray boxes display calculated values
10.4.4. Click the Calculate BB Temperature button

11. Calculate the HTBB spectral irradiance from the FR measurements
11.1. Perform steps in Section 10
11.2. Step 3: Calculate the HTBB spectral irradiance
   11.2.1. Enter the temperature [K]
       11.2.1.1. The HTBB temperature is determined for each FR. Use the average of the
               group of temperature determinations. If the temperature is measured before
               and after the spectral irradiance measurements then there will be two
               temperature averages.
   11.2.2. Select the spectral range (do one of the following)
       11.2.2.1. Click the Calibration service 250 nm to 2400 nm button
       11.2.2.2. Click the CCPR 250 nm to 2500 nm button
       11.2.2.3. Click the Other button
   11.2.3. Enter the output filename
   11.2.4. Enter the integrating sphere aperture (ISR) to HTBB aperture distance [cm]
   11.2.5. Enter the integrating sphere aperture (ISR) diameter [cm]
   11.2.6. Click the Calculate Irradiance button

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**Figure Irr7.2.** Sample measurement data for Filter Radiometer #2
Figure Irr7.3. Front panel of the calculate FR net signals program (FRSigCalc.frm)
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Figure Irr7.4. Front panel of the calculate HTBB temperature and irradiance program (FRTCalc.frm)

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**Figure Irr7.5.** Sample FR parameter file used by the calculate HTBB temperature and irradiance program (*FRTCalc.frm*)

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Figure Irr7.6. Sample power responsivity data for Filter Radiometer #2 used by the calculate HTBB temperature and irradiance program (FRTCalc.frm)
Figure Irr7.7. Sample temperature data Filter Radiometers #2, #3, and #4 which is the output from the calculate HTBB temperature and irradiance program (*FRTCalc.frm*)

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Figure Irr7.8. Sample HTBB spectral irradiance data calculated from calculate HTBB temperature and irradiance program (FRTCalc.frm)
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1. Align the lamps (See IRR-CP-IRR2)
2. Run the Lamp Current Control Program (see IRR-CP-IRR3)
3. Run the FASCAL2 Data Acquisition Program (see IRR-CP-IRR1)
4. Reduce the calibration data (see IRR-CP-IRR9)
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Spectral Irradiance Data Reduction

1. Calculate the calibration factor (CF)
   1.1. Open the primary working standards (PWS) irradiance spreadsheet: \(c:\FC2\Docs\Irrad PWS\PWS irradiances 1003.xls\)
   1.2. Open the calibration factor spreadsheet: \(c:\FC2\Docs\Irrad PWS\CalFactor mmddyy.xls\)
   1.3. Save CF spreadsheet with new name
   1.4. Edit CF spreadsheet
      1.4.1. Enter new spreadsheet name
      1.4.2. Enter current date
      1.4.3. Enter PWS serial numbers
      1.4.4. Edit chart titles
      1.4.5. Save spreadsheet
   1.5. Edit irradiance values in the CF spreadsheet
      1.5.1. Copy irradiances from the PWS irradiance spreadsheet
      1.5.2. Save CF spreadsheet
   1.6. Open PWS signal files in Excel
      1.6.1. Plot data
      1.6.2. Review, don’t save
   1.7. Edit signal values in the CF spreadsheet
      1.7.1. Copy PWS signal values from the PWS signal files
      1.7.2. Save CF spreadsheet
   1.8. Print CF spreadsheet

2. Calculate the irradiance of test lamp
   2.1. Open the test irradiance spreadsheet: \(c:\FC2\Docs\Irrad PWS\F000 mmddyy cal.xls\)
   2.2. Save test irradiance spreadsheet with new name

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2.3. Edit test irradiance spreadsheet
   2.3.1. Enter new spreadsheet name
   2.3.2. Enter current date
   2.3.3. Edit chart titles
   2.3.4. Copy Mean CF from the CF spreadsheet
   2.3.5. Edit CF date
   2.3.6. Save spreadsheet

2.4. Open test signal files in Excel
   2.4.1. Plot data
   2.4.2. Review, don’t save

2.5. Edit signal values in the test signal spreadsheet
   2.5.1. Copy test signal values from the test signal files
   2.5.2. Save test irradiance spreadsheet

2.6. Prepare data for calibration report
   2.6.1. Copy test irradiance from the Data reduction worksheet to the Final data worksheet
   2.6.2. Edit lamp current and lamp voltage

2.7. Print test irradiance spreadsheet

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Figure Irr9.1. Primary working standard spreadsheet with spectral irradiance values in W cm\(^{-3}\). The wavelength is in nm.

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**Figure Irr9.2.** Sample signal file. The first column is wavelength in nm. The second column is the net signal in V. The last column is the percent standard deviation of the net signal.
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Figure Irr9.3. Left side of sample calibration spreadsheet

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**Figure Irr9.4.** Right side of sample calibration spreadsheet

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**Figure Irr9.5.** Left side of sample test irradiance spreadsheet

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Calculate the Correlated Color Temperature (CCT) and Luminous Intensity (LI) from Spectral Irradiance Data

1. Fit data to determine the spectral irradiance value at a 10 nm interval
   1.1. Load the Visual Basic program: c:\FC2 Docs\fitdata\Fitirrad.vbp (do one of the following)
      1.1.1. From the start menu
         1.1.1.1. Click Start then Data Interpolation shortcut
      1.1.2. From Windows Explorer
         1.1.2.1. Locate Fitirrad.vbp and double click to open
   1.2. Run the program (do one of the following)
      1.2.1. Press F5
      1.2.2. Click the Start icon ► on the tool bar
      1.2.3. Click on the menu item Run then on Start
   1.3. Blackbody fit program (Part 1 Calculate fit coefficients) (Fitdata.frm)
      1.3.1. Click Calculate fit coefficients from the menu
         1.3.1.1. Enter fit parameters
            1.3.1.1.1. Enter the Wavelength (min) [nm]
            1.3.1.1.2. Enter the Wavelength (max) [nm]
            1.3.1.1.3. Enter the Degrees of freedom
         1.3.1.2. Select file to reduce
            1.3.1.2.1. Enter Input File
            1.3.1.2.2. Select Input file format
               1.3.1.2.2.1. Option 1: Input file begins with Data
               1.3.1.2.2.2. Option 2: Input file begins with a title line and a unit line
            1.3.1.3. Click the Calculate fit coefficients button
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1.4. Blackbody fit program (Part 2 Compute irradiance) *(Calcirr.frm)*
   1.4.1. Click *Calculate spectral irradiance from blackbody fit* from the menu
       1.4.1.1. Enter fit parameters
           1.4.1.1.1. Enter the *Wavelength (min) [nm]*
           1.4.1.1.2. Enter the *Wavelength (max) [nm]*
           1.4.1.1.3. Enter the *Increment [nm]*
       1.4.1.2. Select file to reduce
           1.4.1.2.1. Enter *Input File*
       1.4.1.3. Click the *Compute irradiance* button

2. Calculate the photometric units
   2.1. Load the Visual Basic program: *c:\FC2 Docs\photmet\Photomet.vbp* (do one of the following)
       2.1.1. From the start menu
           2.1.1.1. Click *Start* then *Calculate CCT* shortcut
       2.1.2. From Windows Explorer
           2.1.2.1. Locate *Photmet.vbp* and double click to open
   2.2. Run the program (do one of the following)
       2.2.1. Press *F5*
       2.2.2. Click the Start icon ► on the tool bar
       2.2.3. Click on the menu item *Run* then on *Start*
   2.3. Photometric unit calculation program is loaded *(Photomet.frm)*
   2.4. Enter lamp information
       2.4.1. Enter *Lamp name*
       2.4.2. Enter *Current [A]*
       2.4.3. Enter *Voltage [V]*
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2.5. Select file to reduce

2.5.1. Enter Input File

2.5.1.1. Select Input file format

2.5.1.1.1. Option 1: Input file begins with Data

2.5.1.1.2. Option 2: Input file begins with a title line and a unit line

2.6. Click the Compute Color Temperature button

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**Figure Irr10.1.** Front panel of *Fitdata.frm*
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Figure Irr10.2. Front panel of Calcirr.frm
This fit summary is stored in 'FIT030906.TXT'

F000 3200K 030305 cal.txt  3D fit 400 nm to 800 nm

\[ a = 44.6189291978629 \quad b = -4505.59588154504 \]

Apparent Blackbody Temperature = 3193.36

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Average Std. Dev. = 8.5505E-2

Coefficients stored in 'F000 3200K 3D coef 0306.txt'

Figure Irr10.3. Sample fit coefficients from data interpolation program
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Figure Irr10.4. Sample spectral irradiance data from blackbody fit

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Figure Irr10.6. Sample correlated color temperature and luminous intensity data
Reset Linear Encoder

1. The Linear Encoder requires resetting when the **Reference Mark** is lost.

2. When the HEIDENHAIN display unit is powered on, the **blinking REF** indicator shows that the display is waiting for reference mark traversing.

3. Press the **ENT** (Enter) key.

4. The display shows **14.000.0** with **blinking** decimal points.

5. Use the Unidex 511 motion controller to move the boxcar to the reference mark.

6. If the **Red LED** above the controller is **lit** then toggle the switch next to the LED to reconnect AC power to the unit. The LED is off during normal operation.

7. Turn on the controller.

8. Press **F5** (MDI) on the keypad or keyboard.

9. Press **F2** (JOG) on the keypad or keyboard.

10. Use the **keypad or keyboard arrows (up/down)** to select **axis U**.

11. Press **F3** (ENABLE) on the keypad or the keyboard.

12. Press **F1** (HIGH SPEED) on the keypad or the keyboard.

13. Use the **keypad or keyboard arrows (left/right)** to move the boxcar to the **reference position**.

14. After traversing the reference mark, the HEIDENHAIN display shows the measured value with **non-blinking decimal points** and **non-blinking REF** indicator.

15. System is ready for remote control (computer control).

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Figure IRR11.2 Front panel of UNIDEX 511 Motion Controller

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Goniometric scan

1. The quartz halogen lamp (QHL) is spatially mapped by rotating the about the vertical and horizontal axes. This method approximates the irradiance in a plane 50 cm in front of the lamp. The center of rotation of the NIST-designed gonio stage is determined and then the QHL lamp is placed at the center of rotation of the stage. The QHL is placed at the center of rotation to measure irradiance differences attributed to the QHL uniformity. If the lamp is not located at the center of rotation of the stage then the lamp will translate along the vertical and horizontal axes resulting in measurements of different portions of the lamp.

2. Align the QHL alignment jig at 50 cm in test position #4

3. Leave the spectroradiometer laser on

4. Place the pointer in the lamp socket

5. Set the pointer height to the center of the laser using the translation stage above the gonio stage

6. Install the scope in test position #1

7. Align the scope normal to the optical axis

8. Align the scope target on the pointer tip

9. Center the pointer about the vertical axis
   
   9.1. Place a card in front of pointer to view the pointer shadow formed by the laser beam

   9.2. Center the pointer on the laser beam

   9.2.1. If the pointer is not centered on the laser beam then re-center the pointer by adjusting half the distance using the translation stage above the gonio stage and the other half using translation stage below the gonio stage

9.3. Rotate the mount +90° about the vertical axis

9.4. Repeat steps until pointer is centered as it rotates about the vertical axis
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10. Center the pointer about the horizontal axis
   10.1. Rotate the pointer +7° about the horizontal axis
   10.2. Look through the scope
   10.3. Rotate back to the center
   10.4. If the center of rotation is below the optical axis then raise the translation stage above
         the gonio stage and lower the translation stage below the gonio stage
   10.5. If the center of rotation is above the optical axis then lower the translation stage above
         the gonio stage and lower the translation stage raise the gonio stage
   10.6. Rotate the pointer -7° about the horizontal axis
   10.7. Look through the scope
   10.8. Rotate back to the center
   10.9. If the center of rotation is below the optical axis then raise the translation stage above
         the gonio stage and lower the translation stage below the gonio stage
   10.10. If the center of rotation is above the optical axis then lower the translation stage above
          the gonio stage and lower the translation stage raise the gonio stage
   10.11. Repeat steps until pointer tip is centered as it rotates about the horizontal axis

11. Align the alignment jig on the optical axis
   11.1. Align the scope target on the pointer tip
   11.2. Tape down the translation stage handles for the stage below the gonio stage (No
          further adjustments are made to this stage)
   11.3. Remove the rotation stage handle
   11.4. Attach the DC motor to the rotation stage
   11.5. Install the alignment jig and align
   11.6. Set distance using position indicated by scope
   11.7. Use translation stage below the gonio stage to translate along the optical axis
   11.8. Re-tape the translation stage handle for the stage below the gonio stage
   11.9. For other adjustments, use the translation stage above the gonio stage or the gonio
          stage to align the jig on the optical axis
   11.10. Reset the scope to center on the alignment jig
   11.11. Set the rotation stage dial to zero
11.12. Mark the starting position of the gonio stage horizontal dial with a piece of masking tape
11.13. Connect motor cables
11.14. Turn on Aerotech controller if necessary
12. Remove alignment jig
13. Install lamp in lamp socket
14. Turn on lamp
15. Run goniometric scan program
   15.1. From Hardware.frm, click Tests then Spatial Scan in the program menu
   15.2. Enter the Filename
   15.3. Select the Increment size [deg]
   15.4. Enter the Number of reading per Trigger
   15.5. Enter Degrees of rotation about the vertical axis (<Y)
   15.6. Enter Degrees of pitch about the horizontal axis (<X)
   15.7. Select axis to measure
      15.7.1. The program by default select the following when the program is run
      15.7.2. <X - Rotation about the horizontal axis
      15.7.3. <Y - Rotation about the vertical axis
   15.8. Select scan type
      15.8.1. Select Goniometric scan
   15.9. Click Start Scan to run program
   15.10. Click Test Motor to text motor selected in select axis to measure
   15.11. Click Initialize AERO3 to initialize stepper motor controller
      15.11.1. Program initializes this controller when Start Scan is clicked
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Figure IRR12.1. Front panel of \textit{Spatial.frm}

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Figure IRR12.2. Sample goniometric scan data
Appendix G. Radiation constants

*c* = speed of light in vacuum  
*c*₁L = first radiation constant for spectral radiance = 2 *h* *c*²  
*c*₂ = second radiation constant = *h* *c* *k*⁻¹  

*h* = Planck constant = 6.626 069 57 (29) × 10⁻³⁴ J s = 6.626 069 57 × 10⁻³⁴ W s²  

*k* = Boltzmann constant = 1.380 6488 (13) × 10⁻²³ J K⁻¹ = 1.380 6488 × 10⁻²³ W s K⁻¹  

*n* = refractive index of air at 655 nm at 15 °C and 101325 Pa = 1.00028

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Source of the CODATA internationally recommended values

The values of the constants provided at this table are recommended for international use by CODATA and are the latest available. Termed the "2010 CODATA recommended values," they are generally recognized worldwide for use in all fields of science and technology. The values became available on 2 June 2011 and replaced the 2006 CODATA set. They are based on all of the data available through 31 December 2010. The 2010 adjustment was carried out under the auspices of the CODATA Task Group on Fundamental Constants.
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Appendix I. Alignment jig

**Figure I1.** Dimensional drawing of alignment jig

All dimensions in cm
Appendix J. Kinematic lamp socket
Appendix K. Calibration data points

Spectral irradiance is measured at the following wavelengths

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Spectroradiometric Calibration Services
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