

## Calibration of the Geostationary Imaging Fourier Transform Spectrometer (GIFTS) On-board Blackbody Calibration System

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## Topics

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- Blackbody System Overview
- Blackbody temperature calibration
  - Resistance measurement calibration
  - Thermistor calibration
- Cavity painting and emissivity determination





# GIFTS Instrument Calibration Approach and Top-level Requirements







## GIFTS Instrument Radiometric Calibration Approach

- Two small reference Blackbodies located behind telescope, combined with Space View.
- Blackbody design is scaled from the UW ground-based design used on AERI and NAST / S-HIS aircraft instruments.
- Constraints on original S/C prevented traditional external large aperture blackbody configuration.
- Advantages compared to large external blackbody:
  (1) higher emissivity is practical with small size
  (2) effective T easier to characterize, and
  - (3) protection from solar forcing gradients





## **GIFTS Sensor Module Conceptual Layout**









## **Internal Blackbody Configuration**

- Two blackbodies and visible flood source are mounted on the same linear slide
- One source at a time is correctly positioned under flipin mirror
- Blackbody aperture fills both IR Lyot stop and IR detector array
  - Blackbody aperture imaged at Lyot stop







## **GIFTS Top Level Calibration Error Budget**

### **GIFTS Radiometric Calibration Error Requirement is ≤ 1K**



Notes: \*: @ 220 K Scene Temperature



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## **GIFTS Blackbody Calibration Budget**

# Calibration budget for blackbody subsystem is 0.5 K (3-sigma) absolute & 0.1 K (3-sigma) reproducibility







## Summary of Top Level Blackbody Requirements

|  | Specification*               | Current Best<br>Estimate     |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ambient Blackbody Nominal Set<br>Point | 255 K                        | 255 K                        |
| Hot Blackbody Nominal Set Point        | 290 K                        | 290 K                        |
| Temperature Measurement                | < 0.1 K                      | < 0.056 K                    |
| Uncertainty                            | (3 sigma)                    |                              |
| Ambient Blackbody Emissivity           | > 0.996                      | > 0.999                      |
| Hot Blackbody Emissivity               | > 0.996                      | > 0.999                      |
| Emissivity Uncertainty                 | < 0.002                      | < 0.00072                    |
|  | (3 sigma)                    |                              |
| Wavelength                             | 680 - 2,300 cm <sup>-1</sup> | 680 - 2,300 cm <sup>-1</sup> |

#### \*Derived From GIRD Using Radiometric Model





## Summary of Top Level Blackbody Requirements

|  | Specification*    | Current Best<br>Estimate |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Source Aperture                              | 2.54 cm           | 2.54 cm                  |
| Source FOV (full angle)                      | > 10°             | > 10°                    |
| Mass (two blackbodies plus controller board) | < 2.4 kg          | < 2.1 kg                 |
| Power**: average/max                         | < 2.2/5.2 W       | < 2.2/5.2 W              |
| Envelope                                     | < 8 x 8 x 15.5 cm | < 8 x 8 x 15.4 cm        |

#### \*Imposed by GIFTS Sensor Module Design

\*\*Temperature of mounting base between 190 to 260 K Temperature of surrounding between 140 to 300 K





# **Blackbody System Overview**







## **Top Level Block Diagram**





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## **Blackbody Design**

#### Engineering Model Blackbody





Blackbody builds on the strong heritage of ground and aircraft based FTS instruments developed at UW.

## Engineering Model Blackbody Controller & Thermal model of board in on-orbit environment



- Motherboard connector along bottom.
- Wedgelock clamps secure the full length of each of the short sides



- Warmest spot on board runs at 54 C, assuming warmest on-orbit environment
- The board thermal design provides a worst case part junction temp. margin of better than 20 C.







## Blackbody Thermistor Measurement Use of Calibration Constants





## Resistance Calibration of the Blackbody Controller Electronics

### **Determining the Constants Needed for Self-calibration**







## **Determining Thermistor Calibration Coefficients**





# Blackbody Controller Resistance Calibration

#### Determining the Resistance Measurement Self Calibration Constants







## Self-calibrating Resistance Measurement Scheme





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## **External Calibration Resistor Values**

#### Ambient Blackbody

|       | Nominal Res | istance Range | Nominal Temp             | perature Range            |
|-------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Range | Low High    |               | Associated<br>with Low R | Associated<br>with High R |
| 0     | 25,394.5    | 59,229.8      | -28.4                    | -43.4                     |
| 1     | 15,705.1    | 33,745.3      | -19.2                    | -33.6                     |
| 2     | 9,331.6     | 20,861.6      | -8.6                     | -24.7                     |
| 3     | 5,038.5     | 12,173.6      | 4.9                      | -14.1                     |

|        | Resistor Nominal Measured |        | Nominal          |              |  |  |  |
|--------|---------------------------|--------|------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|        | Laber                     | value  | Value (Kollilis) | Equiv. I [C] |  |  |  |
|        | 1A00                      | 27.4K  | 27.40349         | -29.8        |  |  |  |
| e O    | 3A00                      | 29.4K  | 29.39068         | -31.1        |  |  |  |
| 6 u    | 5A00                      | 38.3K  | 38.31340         | -35.9        |  |  |  |
| 8      | 7A00                      | 49.9K  | 49.90540         | -40.5        |  |  |  |
|        | 9A00                      | 54.9K  | 54.89922         | -42.1        |  |  |  |
|        | 1A01                      | 16.5K  | 16.49754         | -20.2        |  |  |  |
| 0<br>T | 3A01                      | 17.8K  | 17.80062         | -21.6        |  |  |  |
| - Bu   | 5A01                      | 22.6K  | 22.59973         | -26.2        |  |  |  |
| Ra     | 7A01                      | 29.4K  | 29.38854         | -31.1        |  |  |  |
|        | 9A01                      | 30.9K  | 30.89072         | -32.0        |  |  |  |
|        | 1A02                      | 10.0K  | 9.963586         | -10.0        |  |  |  |
| e 2    | 3A02                      | 10.7K  | 10.698577        | -11.5        |  |  |  |
| nge    | 5A02                      | 13.7K  | 13.7K 13.70086   |              |  |  |  |
| Ra     | 7A02                      | 17.8K  | 17.79990         | -21.6        |  |  |  |
|        | 9A02                      | 19.06K | 19.05953         | -23.0        |  |  |  |
|        | 1A03                      | 5.36K  | 5.360126         | 3.5          |  |  |  |
| e<br>n | 3A03                      | 6.04K  | 6.098655         | 0.8          |  |  |  |
| b u    | 5A03                      | 8.25K  | 8.250112         | -6.0         |  |  |  |
| Ra     | 7A03                      | 10.7K  | 10.697523        | -11.5        |  |  |  |
|        | 9A03                      | 11.5K  | 11.498589        | -12.9        |  |  |  |
|        | 5/5/04                    |        |                  |              |  |  |  |

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|       | Nominal Res | istance Range | Nominal Temp             | erature Range             |
|-------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Range | Low High    |               | Associated<br>with Low R | Associated<br>with High R |
| 0     | 20,723.4    | 47,526.1      | 9.2                      | -7.1                      |
| 1     | 12,613.4    | 26,361.8      | 19.8                     | 4.3                       |
| 2     | 7,522.5     | 16,027.9      | 31.6                     | 14.6                      |
| 3     | 4,017.4     | 9,782.4       | 47.1                     | 25.5                      |

|        | Resistor<br>Label | Nominal<br>Value | Measured<br>Value (Ohms) | Nominal<br>Equiv. T [C] |  |
|--------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|        | 1H00              | 21.5K            | 21.50040                 | 8.4                     |  |
| 0      | 3H00              | 24.3K            | 24.29909                 | 5.9                     |  |
| bu     | 5H00              | 30.1K            | 30.09966                 | 1.7                     |  |
| Ra     | 7H00              | 40.2K            | 40.20075                 | -3.9                    |  |
|        | 9H00              | 44.2K            | 44.20255                 | -5.7                    |  |
|        | 1H01              | 13.3K            | 13.30025                 | 18.6                    |  |
| e 1    | 3H01              | 14.3K            | 14.30104                 | 17.1                    |  |
| bu     | 5H01              | 18.2K            | 18.19873                 | 11.9                    |  |
| Ra     | 7H01              | 24.3K            | 24.29286                 | 5.9                     |  |
|        | 9H01              | 9H01 24.9K       |                          | 5.4                     |  |
|        | 1H02              | 7.87K            | 7.868968                 | 30.5                    |  |
| e 7    | 3H02              | 8.66K            | 8.653635                 | 28.3                    |  |
| bu     | 5H02              | 11.0K            | 10.995917                | 22.8                    |  |
| Ra     | 7H02              | 14.3K            | 14.301310                | 17.1                    |  |
|        | 9H02              | 15.4K            | 15.396980                | 15.5                    |  |
|        | 1H03              | 4.32K            | 4.319953                 | 45.2                    |  |
| e<br>N | 3H03              | 4.87K            | 4.869875                 | 42.2                    |  |
| bu     | 5H03              | 6.49K            | 6.490156                 | 35.1                    |  |
| Ra     | 7H03              | 8.66K            | 8.649098                 | 28.3                    |  |
|        | 9H03              | 9.28K            | 9.277229                 | 26.7                    |  |

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External Calibration Resistors were measured using an Agilent 7458A DVM, with calibration traceability to NIST

#### Worst case equivalent temperature uncertainty is 0.2mK





# System Parameters Needed For Self-Calibration & Determination of Unknown Rt



13 Parameters Were Optimized to Fit Data From of all Ranges and Channels (both ABB & HBB) Using Data Collected From Reading External Calibration Resistors (160 files in all).

## **BBC Resistance Calibration Results**



### Equivalent Temperature Error Associated With Reading Same Resistance on Different Ranges is Very Small

|                     |                    | Temperature Error [C] |         |         |         |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Range<br>Comparison | Temperature<br>[C] | AbbA                  | AbbB    | AbbC    | AbbD    |
| Range 0/1           | -30.2              | -0.0006               | -0.0006 | -0.0004 | -0.0004 |
| Range 1/2           | -21.0              | -0.0002               | -0.0002 | -0.0002 | -0.0001 |
| Range 2/3           | -14.0              | 0.0000                | 0.0003  | 0.0000  | 0.0000  |

- Temperatures were computed using nominal Stienhart and Hart Coefficients
- The data helps validate the electronics resistance measurement self calibration scheme, set up for each range.





## Electronics Stability Over 60 Day Test Period (Equivalent to drift of < 0.6 mK/year.)



Other tests indicate that the error due to expected power supply voltage variations is less than 0.2 mK, and the error due to expected electronics temperature variation is less than 0.5 mK.

## End-to-end System Temperature Calibration







## **Temperature Calibration Functional Block Diagram**



System used to collect thermistor resistances (R) at various very well known temperatures (T)





## Blackbody Temperature Calibration - Calibration Probe Closely Coupled to Cavity



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## Custom Absolute Temperature Calibration Standard +/- 0.005 K (3 sigma)



 Hart 2563 Standard **Thermistor Module**  Hart 2564 Thermistor **Scanner Module**  Hart 3560 Extended **Communications Module Thermometrics**  Calibration Computer SP-60 Probes (2) Report Number: A4113002 Page 2 of 3 Report of Calibration Accounted for in the uncertainty evaluation are all known influence quantities affecting the reference thermometer system at the time of calibration including long-term behavior of the calibration system, measurement noise, bath iniformity and bath stability. The observed errors and estimated uncertainties are shown in the table below. **Absolute** AS LEFT **Temperature** Probe Serial No: 0201-220 Probe Model No: ABB A0= 1,1534085 E-03 A1= 2.8959232 E-04 A2= -2.7828555 E-06 A3= 2.5689558 E-0 **Calibration of** B0= -4.8421000 E00 B2= -2.4451777 E04 NOMINAL ACTUAL INDICATED AS LEFT TOLERANCE PASS/FAIL Uncertainty VALUE end-to-end ERROR (k=2)(t<sub>90</sub> (°C) t90 (°C) t90 (°C) t90 (°C) t90 (°C t90 (°C) -50.000 -50.0165 -50.0191 -0.0026 0.003 40.000 -40.0019 **System at Hart** -40.00140.0005 0.003 0.003 -30.000 -30.0097-30.0094 0.0003 0.002 0.003 -20.000 -20.0185 -20.01800.0005 0.002 0.003 has Uncertainty -9.9993 -0.0002 0.002 0.003 -0.0090 -0.0001 0.002 10.000 0.003 9.9800 9.9798 -0.0002 Of +/- 0.003 K 0.002 0.003 Special Notes: This system was done new. No as found is available. Calibration was performed and as left data (k=2)



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## **Thermistor Calibration Test Set-up**

# UW Blackbody Controller and SDL C&DH Simulator Board



Calibration Computer and Hart Thermistor Read-out





Engineering Température Data Collection



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## Thermistor Fitting Equation (Steinhart & Hart)

$$T = \frac{1}{A + B \bullet \ln(R) + C \bullet (\ln(R))^3}$$

At each calibration temperature:

- The T<sub>i</sub> come from the Calibration Probe
- The R<sub>i</sub> come from the Blackbody Controller,

using the Self Calibration.

Regression fit to N points (R<sub>i</sub>,T<sub>i</sub>),:

$$\begin{vmatrix} N & \sum \ln(R_i) & \sum (\ln(R_i))^3 \\ \sum \ln(R_i) & \sum (\ln(R_i))^2 & \sum (\ln(R_i))^4 \\ \sum (\ln(R_i))^3 & \sum (\ln(R_i))^4 & \sum (\ln(R_i))^6 \end{vmatrix} \bullet \begin{vmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \sum (\frac{1}{T_i}) \cdot (\ln(R_i)) \\ \sum (\frac{1}{T_i}) \cdot (\ln(R_i))^3 \\ \sum (\frac{1}{T_i}) \cdot (\ln(R_i))^3 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} R \end{bmatrix} \bullet \begin{vmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{vmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} Z \end{bmatrix}$$





## Example of Generation of ABB Range-2 Calibration Coefficients - 5 Points



AbbA

Fit Residuals

|          |            |          |                    | _ |
|----------|------------|----------|--------------------|---|
| Tprobe   | Resistance | Tcalc    | <b>Tcal-Tprobe</b> |   |
| -10.0415 | 9,879.895  | -10.0417 | -0.00019           |   |
| -13.9719 | 11,933.404 | -13.9714 | 0.00047            |   |
| -18.0117 | 14,562.231 | -18.0120 | -0.00030           |   |
| -20.9813 | 16,911.993 | -20.9814 | -0.00012           | / |
| -23.5610 | 19,303.610 | -23.5608 | 0.00014            |   |

#### Thermistors B, C, and D calculations not shown





## Calibration Configuration Characterizations Minimizing Unwanted Sources of Temperature Error

- Temperature Calibration Probe Immersion Error Characterized to be on the order of 6 mK (worst case).
- Temperature error due to Blackbody Controller cable heat leak measured to be insignificant.
- Temperature error due to the gradient between the probe and themistors arising from a rate of change in blackbody temperature during calibration was measured to be insignificant at the stability criteria (dT/dt) adopted for calibration.
- Temperature error arising from the inability of the Stienhart Hart equation to capture a 1 Ohm fixed cable resistance in series with the thermistors was shown by modeling to be insignificant.
- Next slides present more detail on our approach to quantify each of these potential error sources.





## Temperature Calibration Probe Immersion Error is on the order of 6 mK (worst case)



During <u>Probe Calibration</u> at Hart Scientific, probes were immersed as shown in the calibration bath, with top of probe exposed to room temp air

> During <u>GIFTS Blackbody Calibration</u>, entire probe (including cable) and cavity were isothermal at calibration temp

This difference in configuration gives rise to a temperature dependent probe immersion error that is carried through to the GIFTS Blackbody calibration





- By measuring the immersion error in a 0°C bath in 20°C air, we can estimate the immersion error over the calibration ranges
- To obtain sufficient precision the test was done in a Triple Point of Water (TPW) cell

## **Temperature Uncertainty Budget**

| Temperature Uncertainty   | 3 sigma error [K] | RSS [K]    |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| Temperature Calibration Standard  | 0.005             |            |
| (Thermometrics SP60 Probe with Hart Scientific 2560 Thermistor Module)                    |                   |            |
|   |                   | 0.005      |
| lackbody Readout Electronics Uncertainty  |                   |            |
| Readout Electronics Uncertainty (at delivery)   | 0.005             |            |
|   |                   | 0.005      |
| Blackbody Thermistor Temperature Transfer Uncertainty                                     |                   |            |
| Gradient Between Temperature Standard and Cavity Thermistors                              | 0.010             |            |
| Calibration Fitting Equation Residual Error   | 0.001             |            |
|   |                   | 0.010      |
|   |                   |            |
| Cavity Temperature Uniformity Uncertainty   |                   |            |
| Cavity to Thermistor Gradient Uncertainty (1/3 of total max expected gradient)            | 0.025             |            |
| Thermistor Wire Heat Leak Temperature Bias Uncertainty*                                   | 0.008             |            |
| Paint Gradient (assumes full alue at nominal HBB Temp and conservative viewing geometry)  | 0.018             |            |
|   |                   | 0.032      |
| _ong-term Stability   |                   |            |
| Blackbody Thermistor (8 years of drift assuming 100 C)                                    | 0.030             |            |
| Blackbody Controller Readout Electronics  | 0.012             |            |
|   | 1                 | 0.032      |
| Effective Badiometric Temperature Weighting Factor Uncertainty                            |                   |            |
| Monte Carlo Ray Trace Model Uncertainty in Determining Teff                               | 0.030             | ¬          |
| (1/3 of total max expected gradient)  |                   | 0.030      |
| *(conservatively assumed to be the full value calculated for the effect in the worse case |                   | 0.056      |
| thermal environment and making conservative thermal coupling assumptions)                 | Γ                 | Dudaate    |
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# Blackbody Painting and Emissivity Determination







## **GIFTS BB Radiance Model**

$$R(\lambda) = \varepsilon (\lambda) * B(T_{EFF}, \lambda) + (1 - \varepsilon (\lambda)) * B(T_{ENV}, \lambda)$$

where,  $B(T, \lambda)$ = Planck radiance at T and wavelength  $\lambda$ ,  $\epsilon(\lambda) = cavity isothermal emissivity,$   $T_{EFF} = w_A * T_A + w_B * T_B$ is the effective emitting temperature, and  $T_{ENV} = environmental temperature.$ 

$$R$$

 $\epsilon$ , w<sub>A</sub>, and w<sub>B</sub> are pre-computed using a numerical model while T<sub>A</sub>, T<sub>B</sub>, and T<sub>ENV</sub> are measured in flight.





## Paint Thickness is Important







## Paint Witness Samples Mimic Cavity Cones



Fixture Mimics Cavity Cone Geometry (4 Samples / Fixture)





12 Fixtures (four 1" dia samples each)



48 total samples



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## **Desired Paint Thickness Achieved**



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## **GIFTS Blackbody Witness Sample Emissivity**

✓ Emissivity measurements of 6 GIFTS BB witness samples are in excellent agreement with previously obtained NIST test data from a NIST painted sample.



NIST Data is from "Joe Rice" Sample sent to UW in July of 2003 by Leonard Hannsen of NIST

## GIFTS Blackbody Witness Sample Emissivity (normalized to NIST Sample)



NIST Data is from "Joe Rice" Sample sent to UW in July of 2003 by Leonard Hannsen of NIST



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## **GIFTS Blackbody Cavity Isothermal Emissivity**



Paint emissivity (Ep) is the measured GIFTS Blackbody Witness Sample data, and cavity factor (Cf) is the quadratic fit of the Monte Carlo Cf vs Wavelength model results.



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## **Emissivity Uncertainty Budget**

|                                  | Uncertainty<br>(3 sigma) | Note | for Ep=0.94<br>f=39 | ΔΕς           | ΔEc<br>(3 sigma) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Paint Witness Sample Measurement | 0.4% Ep                  | [1]  | ΔEp=0.0038          | (1/f)*∆Ep     | 0.00010          |
| Paint Application Variation      | 1.0% Ep                  | [2]  | ΔEp=0.0094          | (1/f)*∆Ep     | 0.00024          |
| Long-term Paint Stability        | 2.0% Ep                  | [3]  | ΔEp=0.0188          | (1/f)*∆Ep     | 0.00048          |
| Cavity Factor                    | 30% f                    | [4]  | Δf=11.7             | (1-Ep)/f^2*Δf | 0.00046          |

#### f=(1-Ep)/(1-Ec)

f=Cavity Factor Ep=Emissivity of Paint Ec=Emissivity of Cavity

#### Notes:

[1] Factor of 1.5 times NIST\* Stated Accuracy for 2 sigma

Budget ≤ 0.002

0.00072

RSS

[3] 2 x above

[4] Accounts of Cavity Model Uncertainty

[2] Worst case difference between 1 and 3 coats

\* NIST Stated accuracy is 4% of Reflectivity (2 sigma)





## **Summary and Conclusions**

- A blackbody calibration system suitable for spaceflight has been developed to meet the demanding requirements of the GIFTS instrument.
- The system builds on the strong heritage of the ground and aircraft based FTS instruments developed at UW.
- The engineering model version of this system was fully calibrated and and shown to exceed required temperature and emissivity accuracies.
- The engineering model system has been delivered to SDL for integration into the GIFTS EDU, which is currently undergoing thermal vacuum testing.



