Some NIST Capabilities Related to CLARREO

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Outline: Some NIST Capabilities Related to CLARREO

Solar-Reflected (Joe Rice, first half)
• Spectral Irradiance and Radiance Responsivity with Uniform Sources (SIRCUS)
• Hyperspectral Image Projector (HIP)
• Absolute Spectrally-Tunable Detector-Based Source IR (Sergey Mekhontsev, 2nd half)
• Diffuse and specular reflectance, transmittance, and emittance using Fourier Transform Spectrometers
• Total-Integrated-Scatter and IR BRDF using IR lasers
• Standard and Transfer Blackbodies
• Operation in a vacuum chamber: CBS3
Establishment of the Spectral Radiance Responsivity Scale at SIRCUS

At each laser wavelength:

1. Measure Power Responsivity And Convert to Irradiance Responsivity Using Trap Aperture Area

2. Measure Sphere Irradiance And convert to Sphere Radiance Using d and Sphere Aperture Area

3. Measure Radiance Responsivity of Radiation Thermometer

For realization and dissemination of temperature scales above Ag freezing point: Radiation Thermometer assigns temperature $T$ to blackbody based on radiance $L$.

$$L(\lambda, T) = \frac{c_{1L}}{n^2 \lambda^5} \left( \exp \left( \frac{hc}{n\lambda kT} \right) - 1 \right)$$
NIST Optical Measurements are Traceable to the Electrical Watt through the Primary Optical Watt Radiometer (POWR)

- POWR provides optical power measurement to 0.01% \((k = 1)\)
Spectral Irradiance and Radiance Responsivity Calibrations using Uniform Sources (SIRCUS)

- A version of this will be implemented at NASA Goddard for use with testing the Solar Reflected CLARREO Calibration Development System.

\[ \lambda = \text{UV to LWIR} \]
Aperture Area Measurements are Performed at NIST by the Absolute Aperture Area Measurement Machine

Aperture area measured to better than 0.01%

Length metrology through interferometer traceable to HeNe laser wavelength

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Hyperspectral Image Projector (HIP) Concept

Supercontinuum Light Source

Input Hyperspectral Image Cube

Component Spectra

Spectral Engine
- Uses light from supercontinuum source
- Produces programmable spectra that match component spectra
- Directs these to Spatial Engine

Example Spectrum

0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0
400 450 500 550 600 650 700 750
Power
Wavelength (nm)

Principle-components-type algorithm reduces image cube to Component Spectra and Abundance Images

Abundance Images

Spatial Engine
- Projects images with component spectra into sensor
- Reference instrument characterizes output

Sensor Under Test

Reference Instrument

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LASP IIP Hyperspectral Imager (HSI) Tests at the HIP

- “Sun” scans with solar spectrum
- “MTF” patterns test optical performance and stray light
- Simulated ground track motions of real scene
- Digital attenuation studies validate linearity and attenuations
- Spectral response calibration provides spectral and radiometric calibration

HIP Projected, LASP HSI Measured

Wavelength (nm)
Existing Spectral Radiance Scales Are Based on Lamps

- Laboratory solar-reflected band spectroradiometers have not demonstrated the capability that they can maintain a scale at the 0.1% level (yet). Only about 1% (1sigma) at best.
- Typical results from spectroradiometer measuring lamp-illuminated sphere:

![Graph of spectral radiance measurements](image)

*Graphic courtesy of NIST's Remote Sensing Laboratory*

- However, unfiltered radiance detectors have demonstrated the potential to hold a radiometric scale at the 0.1% level and better.
Absolute Spectrally-Tunable Detector-Based Source

- Absolute detector measures radiance of single-line spectra
- These data are then used to set the spectral radiance scale used to calibrate spectroradiometer

For more details, see Brown et al., *Proc. SPIE* 7807, 78070A (2010)
Broadband vs Narrowband Operation

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Questions?