

Calibration and Quality Assurance Certificate

Date: August 13, 2010

Model: HydroRad-3

Serial Number: HR010423

Instrument Specifications

Channel A—Ed_Dry	Channel B—Lu_Dry1
Spectrometer: S2000 Grating: 600 lines @ 400nm Lens: L2 Slit: 50 micron Filter: Second order Pixel Resolution: <0.4 nm Collector: Irradiance, air-optimized External fiber: 2.5 m	Spectrometer: S2000 Grating: 600 lines @ 400nm Lens: L2 Slit: 50 micron Filter: Second order Pixel Resolution: <0.4 nm Collector: Radiance, 3-degree FOV External fiber: 2.5 m
Channel C—Lu_Dry2	
Spectrometer: S2000 Grating: 600 lines @ 400nm Lens: L2 Slit: 50 micron Filter: Second order Pixel Resolution: <0.4 nm Collector: Radiance, 3-degree FOV External fiber: 2.5 m	

Calibration Type: Comprehensive

Last Cal: Feb 2009

Technician: DRD/CE

Notes:

Calibration and Quality Assurance Statement

HOBILabs certifies that this instrument was carefully calibrated and thoroughly tested for scientific accuracy and proper operating condition at our factory calibration facility. The radiometric calibration is performed with a NIST traceable light source using scientifically accepted methods. Wavelength calibration is performed using a Mercury-Argon light source. Nonlinear responses are measured over the entire dynamic range of each spectrometer and corrected for. Dark signal is measured over the entire operating temperature range and integration times for automatic dark signal corrections. Immersion correction is measured in a wet tank for irradiance collectors. Radiometric calibration is tested against the calibrated light source as well as in sunlight against a second, calibrated, known spectrometer for consistency and repeatability.

Calibration and Quality Control Results

A synopsis of the calibration and quality control tests of each spectrometer channel are shown graphically below. A brief description for interpreting these graphs follows. Please contact HOBI Labs for additional information.

Graph Title: Wavelengths

Description: The channel is illuminated with a Mercury-Argon light source, which emits narrow peaks at known wavelengths. The peaks in the measured spectrum are correlated with the known wavelengths and a second-order polynomial fit is calculated to translate pixel number (from 1 to 2048) into wavelength (in nm).

Graph Title: Integration Time Intercept and Nonlinearity Correction

Description: Under stable illumination, the integration time is varied over a wide range of values, with dark exposures taken at each time as well. The plot on the left shows output versus integration time. When extrapolated, these lines should intercept zero signal at zero integration time. Any offset is measured by this process and accounted for in subsequent calibration steps. The plot on the right shows deviation from a linear relationship between signal and integrated illumination over the entire dynamic range. Deviations are measured and fit with an additive correction function (ACF). The ACF is added to future raw signals to compensate for this nonlinearity.

Graph Title: Radiometric Calibration and Saturation Limit

Description: The light collector is illuminated with a NIST-traceable irradiance standard, in a carefully controlled setup. The known irradiance or radiance is divided by the spectrometer's response, after compensating for dark offsets, integration time, and nonlinearity. The left axis of the plot is the resulting calibration factor. The right axis shows the maximum measurable signal.

Graph Title: Comparison to Calibrated Source

Description: After the full calibration is completed, it is verified by applying it to measurements of the same standard used for the radiometric calibration.

Graph Title: Example Calibrated Data

Description: The fully calibrated system is used to measure the natural spectrum outdoors, to verify that it functions properly under non-laboratory conditions, and with the complex solar spectrum.

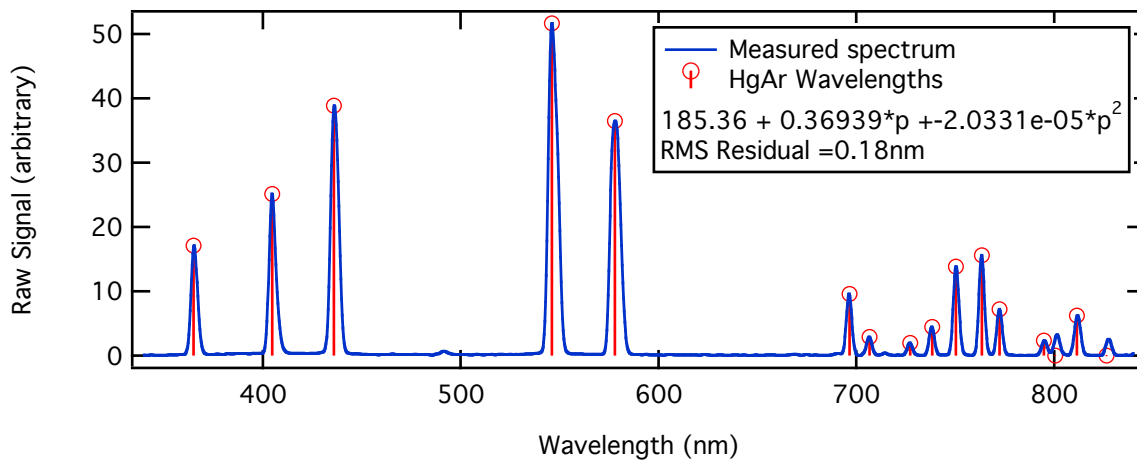
Graph Title: Immersion Factor

Description: For irradiance collectors, the immersion factor is measured by illuminating it with a stable source while immersing it to a known depth. Various geometric factors and the attenuation of the water are also accounted for.

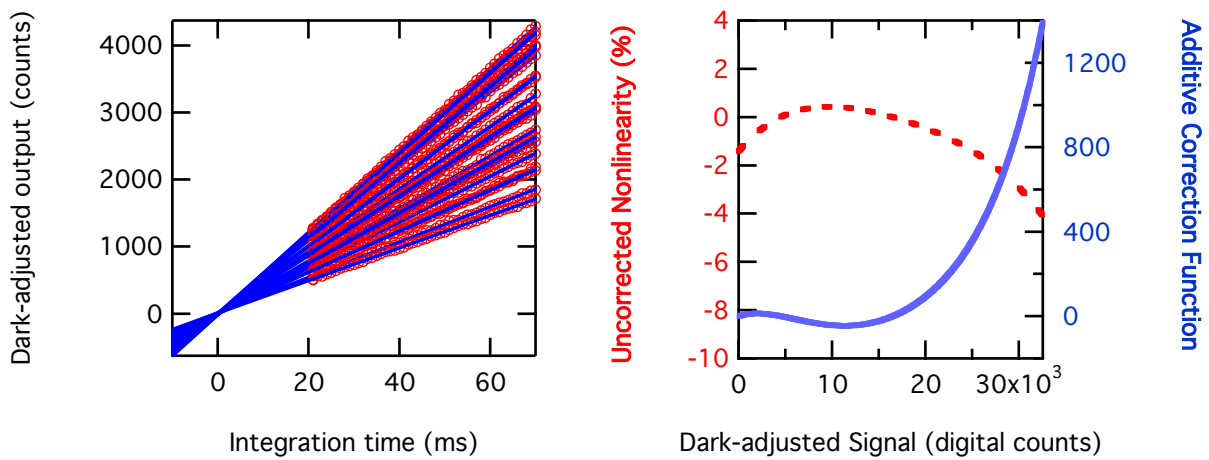
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Channel A: "Ed_Dry" (Irradiance, W/m²/nm)

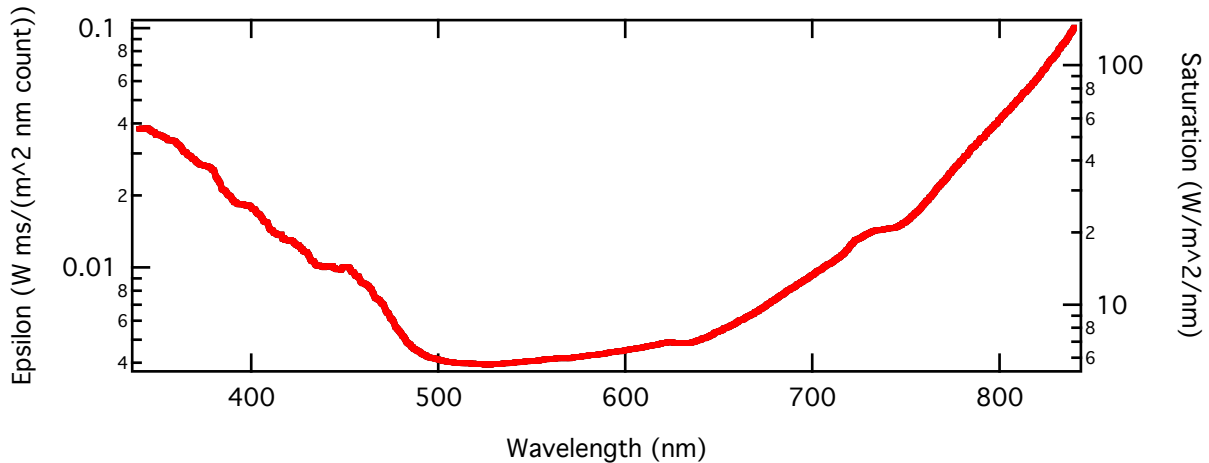
Channel A Wavelengths



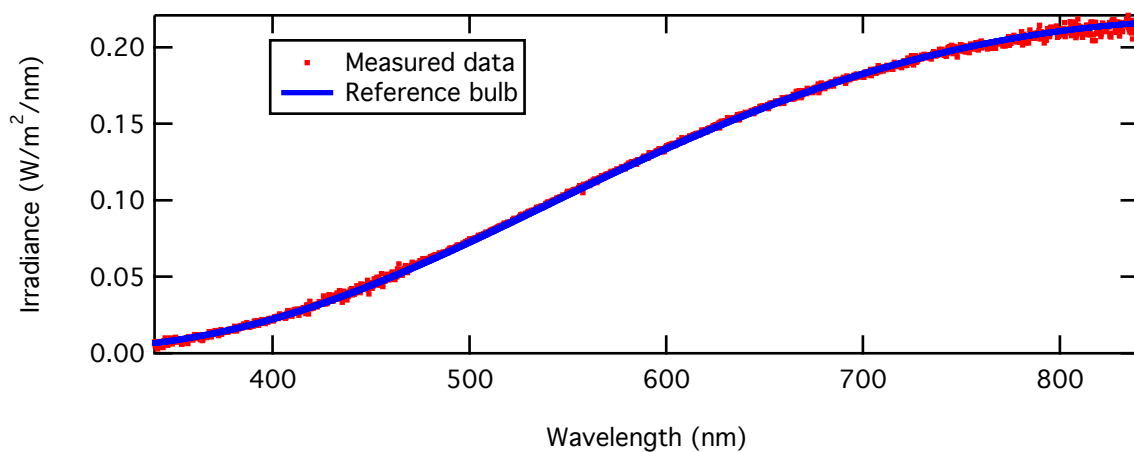
Channel A Integration Time Intercept and Nonlinearity Correction



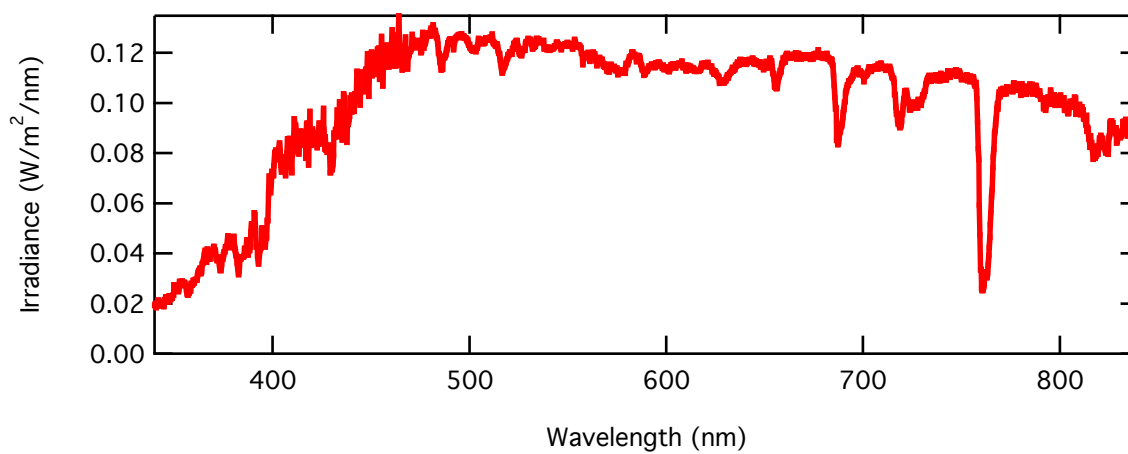
Channel A Radiometric Calibration and Saturation Limit



Channel A Comparison to Calibrated Source

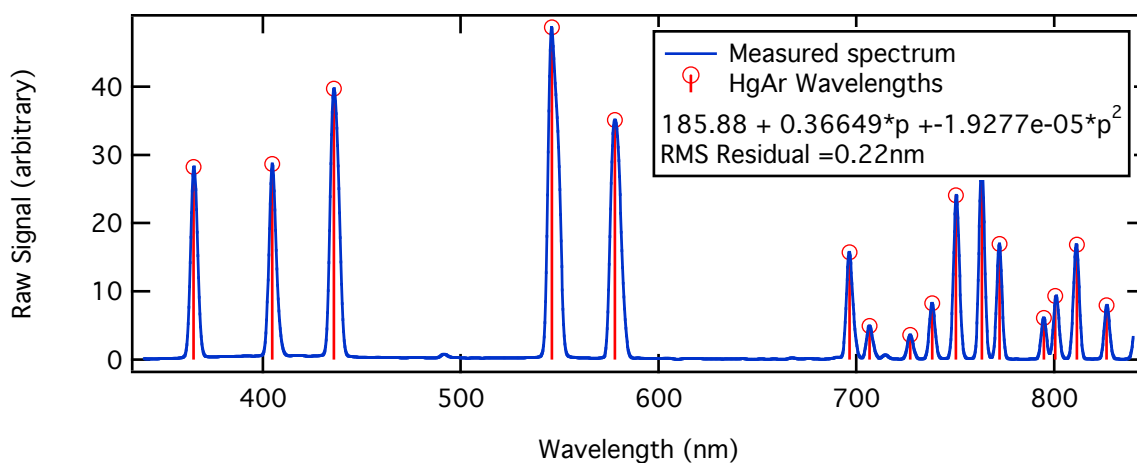


**Channel A Example Calibrated Data
(Low afternoon sun)**

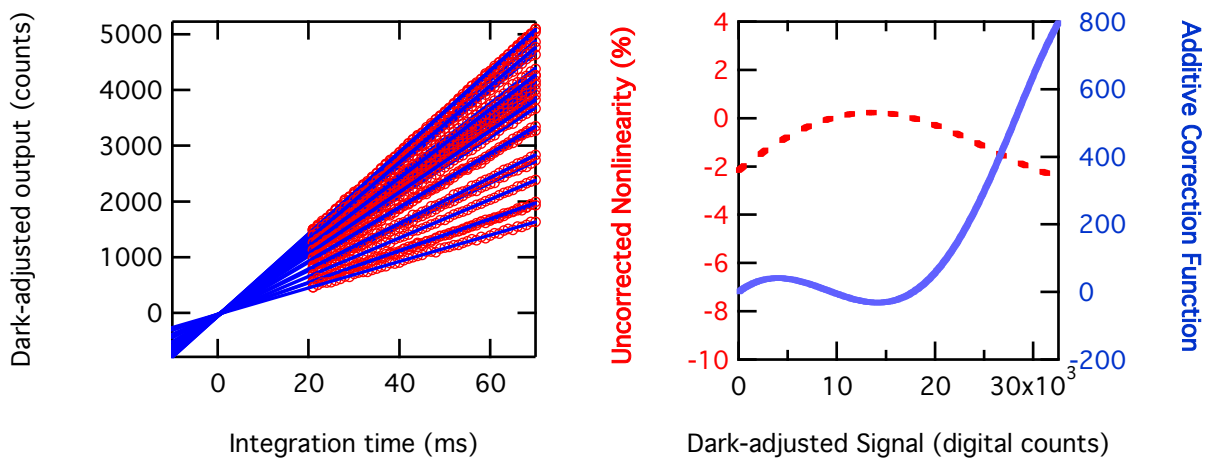


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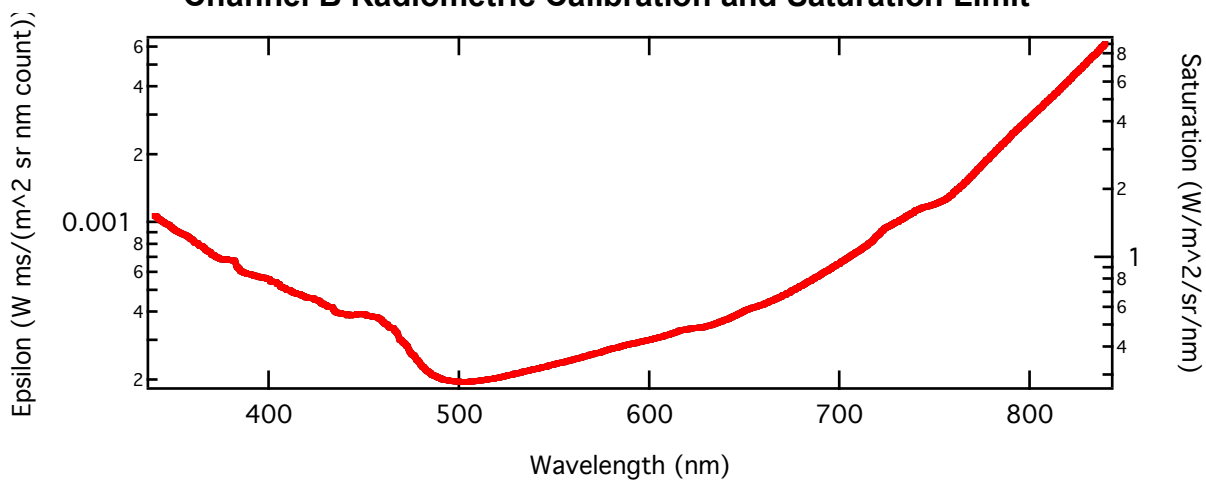
Channel B Wavelengths



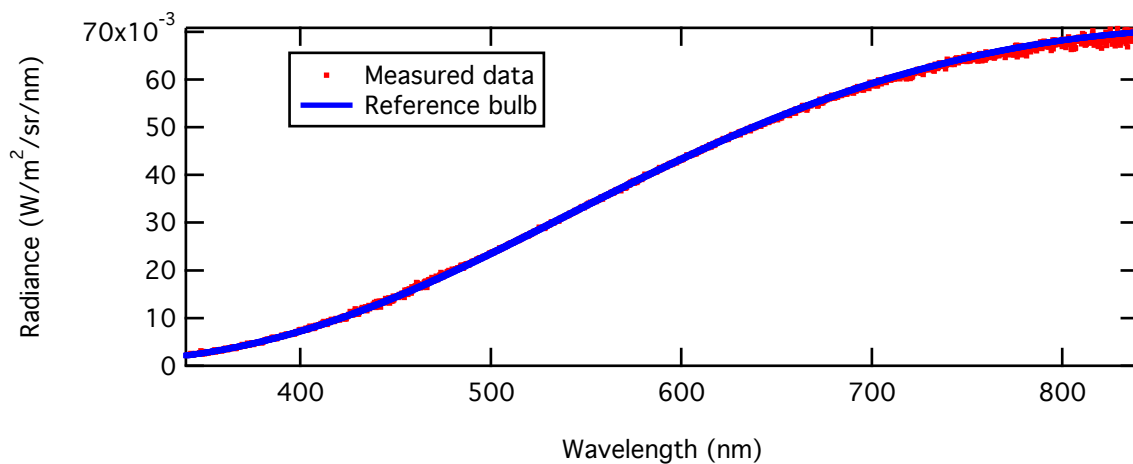
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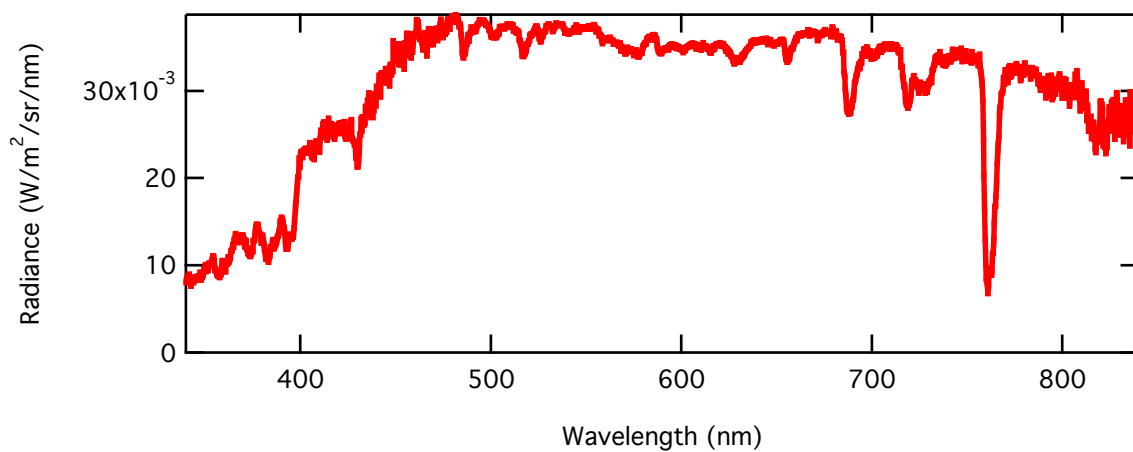
Channel B Radiometric Calibration and Saturation Limit



Channel B Comparison to Calibrated Source

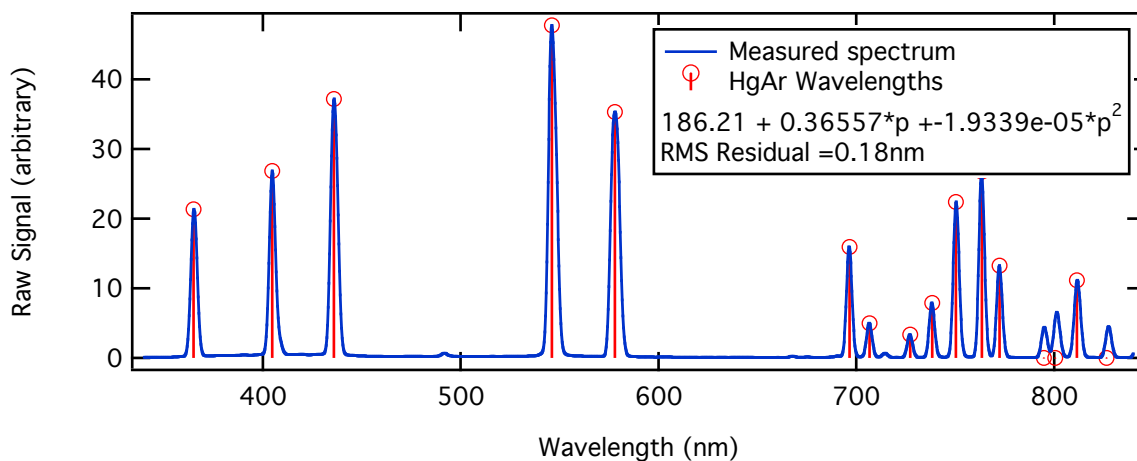


**Channel B Example Calibrated Data
(Low afternoon sun reflected from Spectralon)**

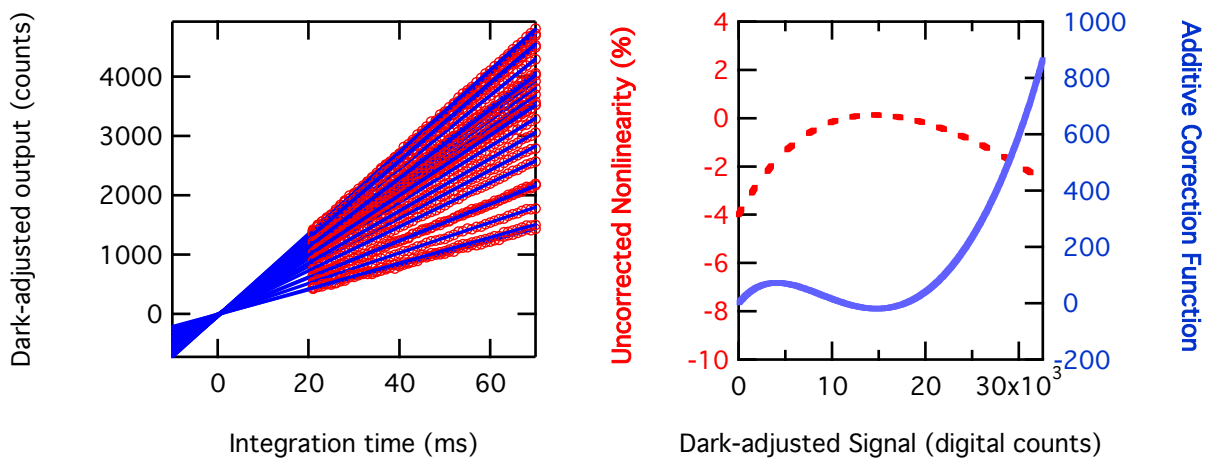


Channel C: "Lu_Dry2" (Radiance, W/m²/sr/nm)

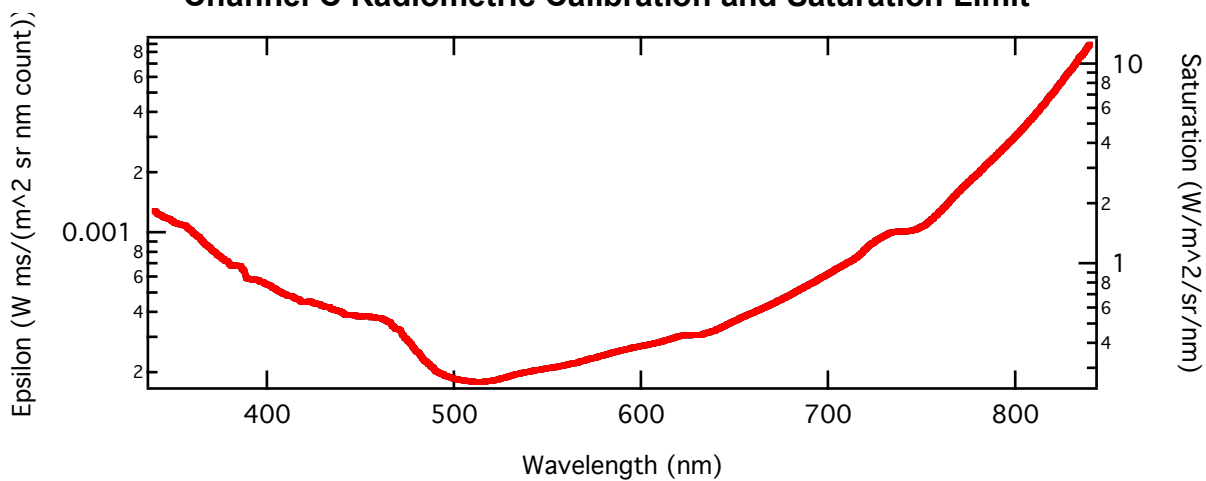
Channel C Wavelengths



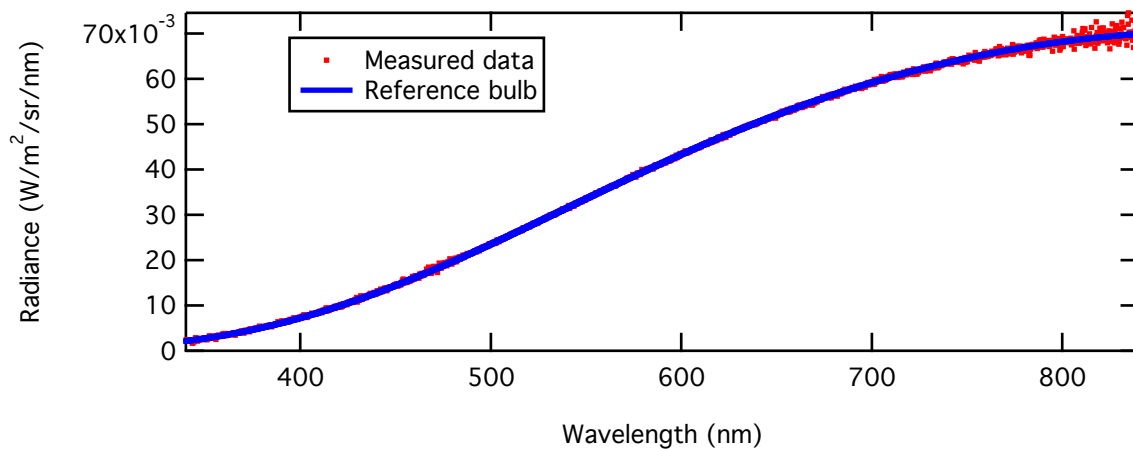
Channel C Integration Time Intercept and Nonlinearity Correction



Channel C Radiometric Calibration and Saturation Limit



Channel C Comparison to Calibrated Source



Channel C Example Calibrated Data (Low afternoon sun reflected from Spectralon)

