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# Vacuum Compatible Blackbodies

Optical Ground Support Equipment (OGSE) for Space  
and Earth Radiations Simulations



# OGSE - VCBB

A comprehensive range of vacuum blackbodies

## SELECT THE PROPER SOURCE ADAPTED TO YOUR APPLICATION

Vacuum environment compatible blackbodies combine performances of traditional infrared reference sources, increased in order to cope with complex and demanding temperature (from cryogenic to ambient) and pressure conditions (down to High Vacuum) generated by vacuum chambers.

### • 3 KEY POINTS



Absolute temperature range  
from 80K to 423K



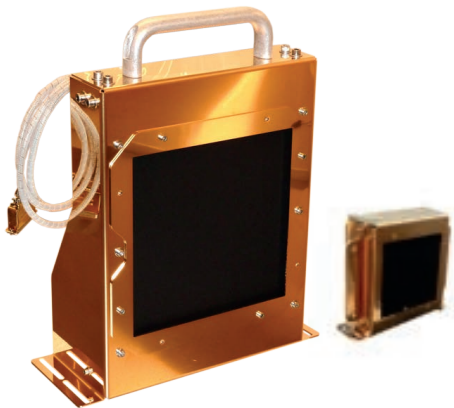
High thermal uniformity and  
emissivity



ISO-5 Cleanliness  
Vacuum compatible materials

## A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF VACUUM BLACKBODIES

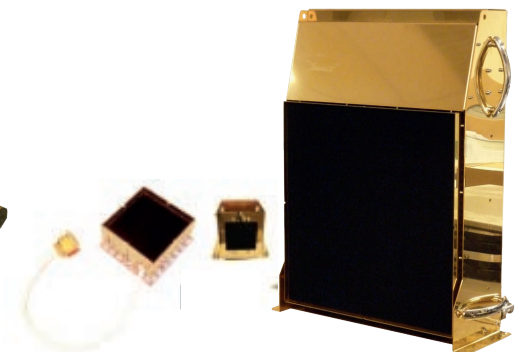
- **DCN 1000 V:** High uniformity and fast regulating TEC based Blackbodies
- **ECN 100 V:** High emissive area extended Blackbodies based on thin flexible resistive heaters
- **RCN V:** Very high emissive cavity Blackbodies, with  $\epsilon > 0.999$



DCN 1000 V



RCN V



ECN V

# Main Applications

## SPACE EXPLORATION AND EARTH OBSERVATION MISSIONS

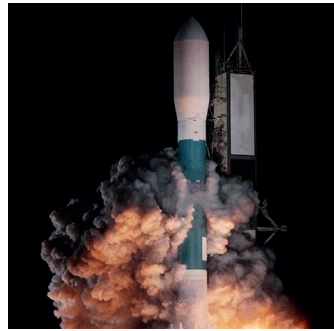
### TESTING AND CALIBRATION OF INFRARED SENSORS, IMAGERS AND SOUNDERS

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Our Vacuum Blackbodies aim at simulating space and terrestrial radiations, to test and calibrate space borne infrared optonics instruments. Find below some examples of major space programs we took part in:



**MeteoSat Third Generation (MTG)**



**MetOp-C**



**Megha-Tropiques**

### OUR REFERENCES, OUR CUSTOMERS

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Sensors manufacturers, the Space industry and the industrial Primes require such equipment, referred to as Optical Ground Support Equipment (OGSE), for Assembly Integration, Verification and Testing (AIVT) processes, in order to meet their calibration needs for the sensors and instruments to be embedded in satellite missions.

#### Primes contractors and integrators

- BALL AEROSPACE
- AIRBUS DEFENCE & SPACE
- THALES ALLENIA SPACE
- BERTIN TECHNOLOGIES

#### National Space Agencies and Space Research Centres

- NASA - Jet Propulsion Lab
- JAXA - Tsukuba Space Centre
- ISRO - Space Application Centre & Solid State Physics Laboratory
- CNES
- CSL

### THE ESSENCE OF OGSE AND THEIR CONFIGURATIONS

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For decades now satellites have been launched, embedding diverse instruments each time.

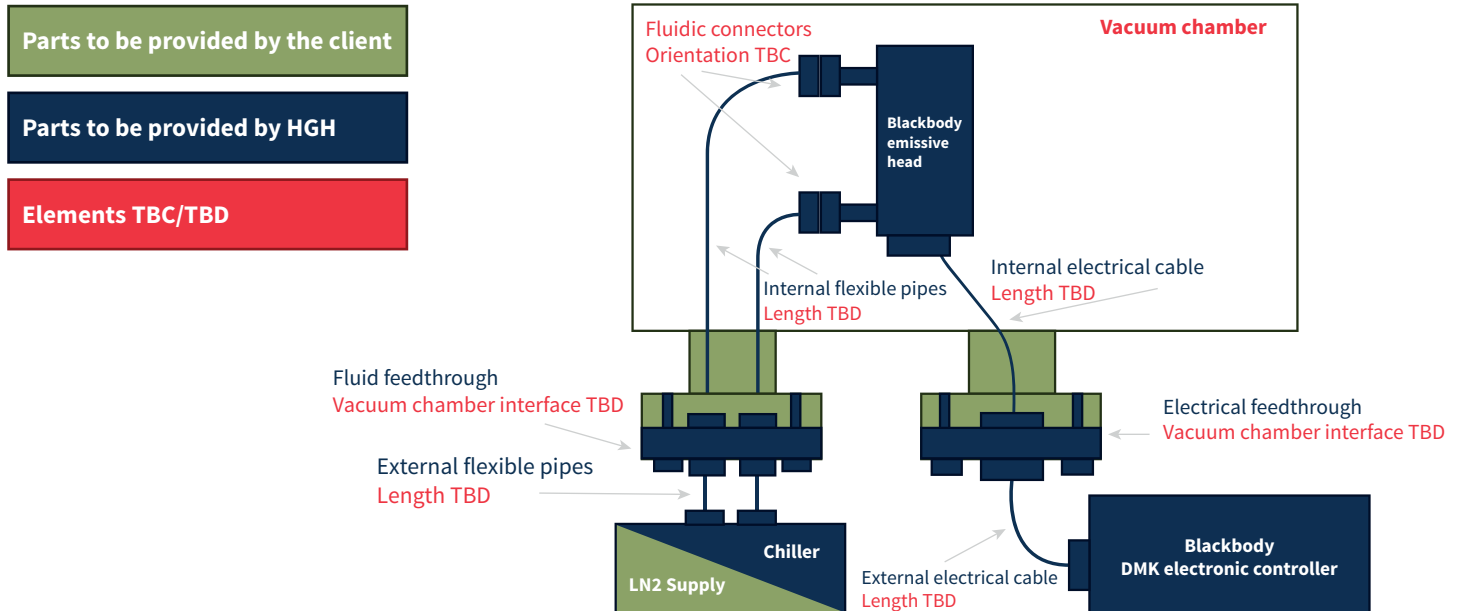
Nowadays, all the instruments of a satellite constitute its payload and correspond to the necessary tools to achieve the goal (military, scientific, industrial) assigned to the satellite. The definition of a satellite mission is complex and its success relies on the proper functioning of its instruments.

**Ground Support Equipment (GSE)** constitute all the tools required by the Space industry – Sensors manufacturers and Primes – to make sure the embedded instruments won't present technical issues or malfunctioning as maintenance in flight is not an easy task. They can be of different sorts : mechanical, electrical ... and **optical**.

Thanks to their specific design and excellent radiating performances , HGH's Vacuum Compatible Blackbodies can easily manage the stress as well as the extreme temperatures and vacuum generated by space conditions, explaining why they are often chosen as part of the **Optical Ground Support Equipment (OGSE) used in the Assembly Integrating and Verification/Testing phases of satellite missions** to calibrate thermal imagers and sounders (SWIR/MWIR and LWIR bandwidth) before launch.

# Main Applications

## OVERVIEW AND ENVIRONMENT



## ISO5-COMPLIANT CLEANROOMS FOR VACUUM BLACKBODIES MANUFACTURING

In the space industry, a cleanroom is a prerequisite in order to use, assemble and test equipment to be sent to space.

Cleanliness requirements and standards are therefore extremely stringent.

HGH clean room is free of all impurities and compliant with ISO5 standards.

It can receive all necessary components - previously cleaned in an ultrasound bath - before their integration to the Blackbody.

Its operation is based on a positive air-pressure technique, removing all impurities and preventing potential incoming ones.

HGH facility is compatible with the storage, assembling, cleaning and testing standards of the space industry and constitute a comprehensive chain to accelerate the manufacturing process.





# ECN100V

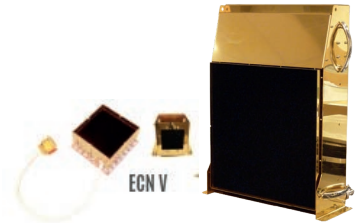
## VACUUM COMPATIBLE BLACKBODIES

### ECN100V VACUUM COMPATIBLE BLACKBODIES

Heating occurs through resistances based film covering completely the rear side of the copper based emissive surface and ensuring an optimal thermal uniformity due to its high intrinsic thermal conductivity.

Temperature control is achieved by conduction effect thanks to a thermal bridge and a LN2-based heat dissipator.

The emissive surface has its temperature measured in real time through high precision Platinum Pt100 sensors calibrated at the French National Metrology Institute (LNE).



### BENEFITS

- Extended area up to 500x500mm<sup>2</sup>
- Microgrooved emissive surface
- High emissivity greater than 0.99
- High thermal uniformity down to 10mK (RMS) and 50mK (P-V)
- Temperature range from 80K to 423K
- Temperature stabilization better than 3mK (RMS)
- Real time display of temperature data in C°, K and F
- Integration in ISO 5 cleanroom
- Cooling from ambient to 100K in one hour
- Vacuum compatible emissive coating
- Golden coated parts to reduce incident straylight
- Electrical feedthrough + connector
- Remote control of temperature
- Communication protocols : Ethernet, RS232, GPIB
- Built-in test equipment (BITE)

### SPECIFICATIONS

		ECN100V2	ECN100V4	ECN100V7	ECN100V20
Surface Emissive Dimensions		50x50 mm	100x100 mm	190x190 mm	500x500 mm
Operating conditions	Absolute temperature range				
	Vacuum chamber radiated temperature < 100K Cooling fluid: LN2	[80K; 423K]			
	Vacuum chamber radiated temperature ~293K Cooling fluid: LN2	[100K; 423K]			[200K; 423K]
	Cooling time from 293K to minimum temperature				
	Vacuum chamber radiated temperature < 100K Cooling fluid: LN2	< 45'	< 2h	< 2h	< 2.5h
	Vacuum chamber radiated temperature ~293K Cooling fluid: LN2	< 1h	< 3.5h	< 3.5h	< 2.5h

# DCN1000V

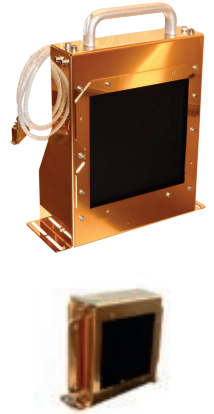
## VACUUM COMPATIBLE BLACKBODIES

### DCN1000V VACUUM COMPATIBLE BLACKBODIES

Thanks to a specific vacuum compatible emissive coating applied on a highly conductive micro-grooved surface, compliant with the space industry standards, and to a highly accurate temperature control ensured by the optimization of losses through radiation and conduction, DCN1000V infrared reference sources radiate with an emissivity greater than 0.99 over an extended temperature range and with the best-in-class uniformity and stability.

The emissive head is positioned in a vacuum chamber and connected to our DMK electronic controller positioned outside the walls of the chamber thanks to a flanged electrical feedthrough.

An absolute and differential temperature regulation is enabled by TEC elements in contact with the emissive surface and the assistance of a chiller flowing a calorific fluid in the VBB's pipe. Temperature of the emissive surface is measured in real time thanks to high precision Platinum Pt100 temperature sensors calibrated at the French National Metrology Institute (LNE). Storage of the necessary parts to be integrated in the OGSE is done in clean rooms, complying with ISO5 standards.



### BENEFITS

- Extended area up to 200x200mm<sup>2</sup>
- Flat or microgrooved emissive surface
- High emissivity greater than 0.99
- High thermal uniformity better than 10mK
- Temperature ranges from 233K to 423K
- Temperature stabilization better than 2mK (RMS)
- Real time display of temperature data in C°, K and F
- Integration in ISO 5 cleanroom
- Vacuum compatible emissive coating
- Golden coated parts to reduce incident straylight
- Electrical feedthrough + connector
- Remote control of temperature
- Communication protocols : Ethernet, RS232, GPIB
- Built-in test equipment (BITE)

### SPECIFICATIONS

		DCN1000V4	DCN1000V8
Surface Emissive Dimensions		100x100 mm	200x200 mm
Operating conditions	Absolute temperature range		
	Vacuum chamber radiated temperature: [-20°C; +20°C] Temperature regulation: TEC + Chiller Cooling fluid: Ethylene + Glycol	[233K; 423K]	[243K; 423K]
	Heating and cooling times from minimum to maximum temperature		
	Vacuum chamber radiated temperature: [-20°C; +20°C] Temperature regulation: TEC + Chiller Cooling fluid: Ethylene + Glycol	< 45'	< 3h

# RCN VACUUM

## VACUUM COMPATIBLE BLACKBODIES

### RCNV VACUUM COMPATIBLE BLACKBODIES

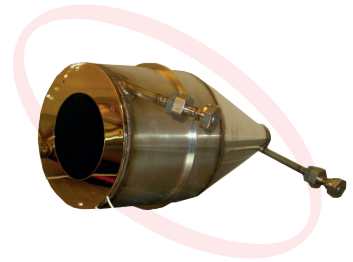
Thanks to a specific vacuum compatible emissive coating, compliant with the space industry standards, and to a cavity shape design acting as beam-trap, RCNV vacuum blackbodies radiate with the best-in-class emissivity of 0.999.

A highly accurate temperature control is ensured by the optimization of losses through radiation and conduction, but also through the use of a high-performance chiller flowing a calorific fluid in the pipes wrapping the cavity or through the use of LN2.

The emissive head is positioned in a vacuum chamber and connected to an Electronic Measuring Unit positioned outside the walls of the chamber for the acquisition of the blackbody's temperature.

Temperature of the cavity is measured in real time via high precision calibrated Pt Sensors. Thermal uniformity is defined by the temperature gradient of three Pt sensors inserted in the cavity.

Storage of the necessary parts to be integrated in the OGSE is done in clean rooms, complying with ISO5 standards.



### BENEFITS

- Cavity diameter aperture: 220mm
- High emissivity greater than 0.999
- High thermal uniformity : 150mK (P-V)
- Temperature ranges: 80K and [220K ; 350K]
- Temperature stabilization down to 10mK
- Real time display of temperature data in C°, K and F
- Integration in clean room conditions, compliant with ISO 5 cleanroom specifications
- Cooling from ambient to 100K in one hour
- Vacuum compatible emissive coating
- Golden coated parts to reduce incident starylight
- Electrical feedthrough + connector
- Remote control of temperature
- Communication protocols : Ethernet, RS232, GPIB
- Built-in test equipment (BITE)

### ABSOLUTE TEMPERATURE RANGE

Absolute temperature range	RCNV Ø 220mm
RCNV-D Cooling fluid: LN2	80K
RCNV-E Calorific fluid (ethylene + glycol)	[220K; 350K]



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