

LAT Calibration Hardware

Strategy and Site Infrastructure Requirements

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LAT-CH Scope (WBS 1.06.05)

- LAT-CH scope:
 - Optics tube testing (North America)
 - North American test build
 - On-site validation (commissioning)
 - On-site calibration (observing)
- Does NOT include
 - Calibration measurements that do not require specialized hardware (e.g. noise, Psat, etc)
- Multiple sets of calibration equipment will be fabricated
 - Can be customized for each site as needed



On-site Telescope Validation

(Cryo-free tests)

| Test | Equipment needed | Site Infrastructure Notes |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Individual mirror surface | Laser tracker | Mostly off the shelf, could customize reflector movement and thermal gradient sensors |
| Multi-mirror alignment | Holography setup (tower, source, receiver) | Will need to provide tower spec |
| Pointing | Star camera | |



On Site Full-system Validation and Calibration

| Test | Equipment needed | Site Infrastructure Notes |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Far Sidelobes | Coherent sources | |
| Band properties | FTS (easily mounted/moved) | |
| Pol Angle | Options: tower, drone, or celestial | May use same tower |
| Pol Efficiency | Options: tower, drone, or celestial | May use same tower |
| Time Constants | Chopped source(s). [Do we need a hole in a mirror?] | Would be mounted near telescope mirrors |

(Main beams and gain calibration will come from celestial sources.)



Future Work and Open Questions

- Other groups working to define calibration requirements based on instrument-specific studies and flowdown from science targets
 May be different at each site
- This will let us design site-specific calibration hardware and provide detailed site infrastructure requirements.
- Looking for feedback on...
 - Is anything missing from the measurement list or PBDR chapter?
 - What's the most important calibration hardware to design early?
 - Are there any other thoughts or concerns about LAT calibration hardware?

