Radiation Compensated Thermometer--RCT

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These are new ways of measuring outdoor air temperatures. The primary patent is directional and uses a blackbody as a receiver for air temperature. The Directional Radiant Heat Thermometer—DRHT—is a bolometric instrument and functions under clear to partly-cloudy skies. The DRHT constantly tracks the sun's transit across the sky. The blackbody receiver is constantly shaded and imparts a highly accurate outdoor temperature. The DRHT operates in the same range of daylight as a radiometer or pyranometer; it functions as a temperature reference instrument. The current design is between 8-9 feet high depending upon the angle of the sun. Tracking speed is roughly 1 degree per minute. Max/Min/Current temperature is measured by thermistor with readings made in situ every 30 minutes. In situ temperature readings are accurate because the distance between the sensor and microprocessor thermometer's circuit board is only 10 feet in length. Remote sensing from inside a room takes a longer cable between sensor and microprocessor thermometer, changing the electrical characteristics of the sensor, requiring recalibration. However, wireless temperature transmitters are also potentially very accurate because the sensor is directly connected to the circuit board of the transmitter.

The patented secondary RCT was designed to accommodate a wireless temperature transmitter. This design is omni-directional and fixed to a stationary mount. This RCT can also accommodate a hard wired temperature sensor for *In situ* readings. One prototype constructed in 2013 has been successful in both accuracy and protection from rain and snow for over 3 years with little maintenance.

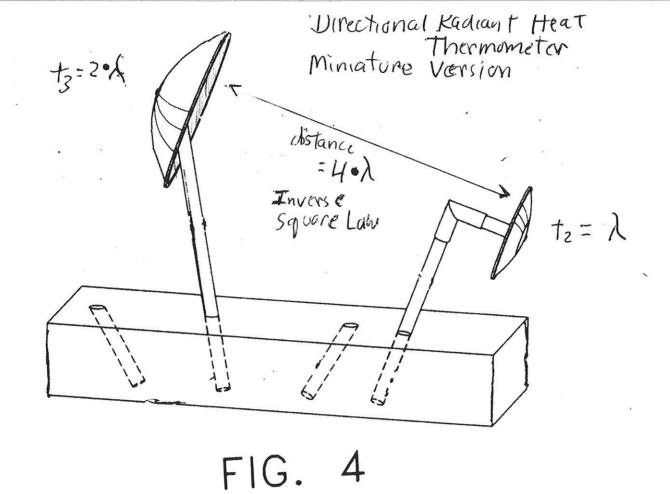
The one outstanding characteristic both designs have: the temperature sensor is directly exposed to ambient air. Conventional radiation shields in current use encase the sensor inside plastic and require natural or artificially created airflow across the sensor. Conventional shields have only superficially changed in the last 45 years. Radiation error has been an unsolvable problem for outdoor air temperature measurements, until now.

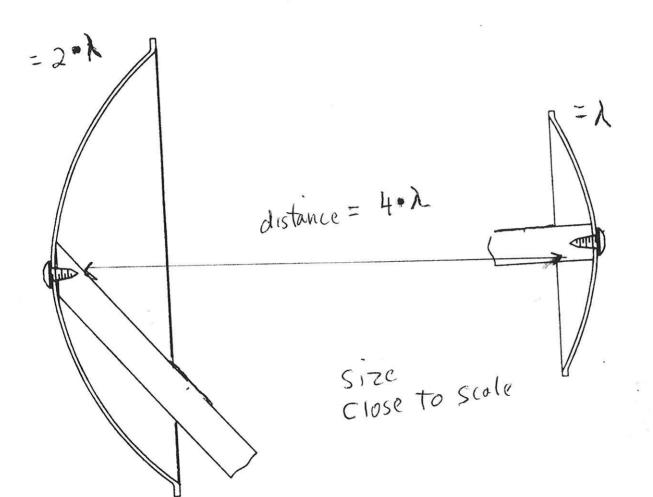
There is a third design which is unpatented and is showing great promise. It is an all-metal plate radiation shield with a blackened thermowell. All 3 of these designs could be miniaturized. The patented designs are simple, basic designs and could be easily mass-produced.

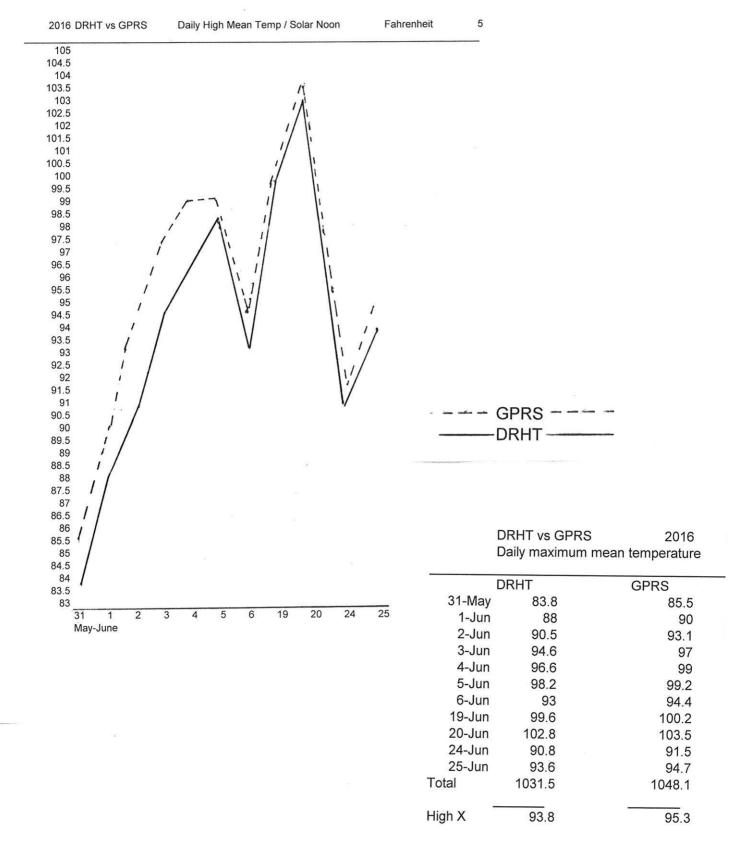
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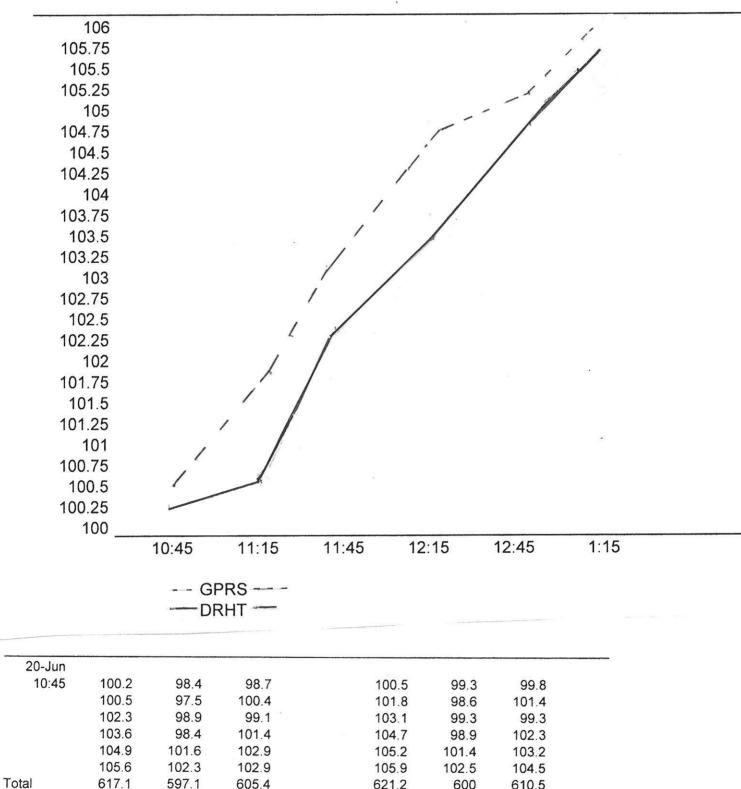
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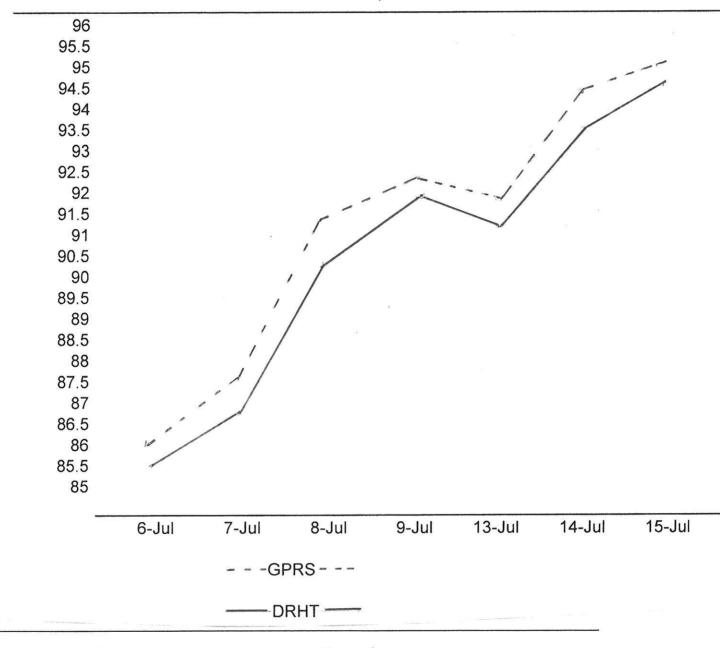
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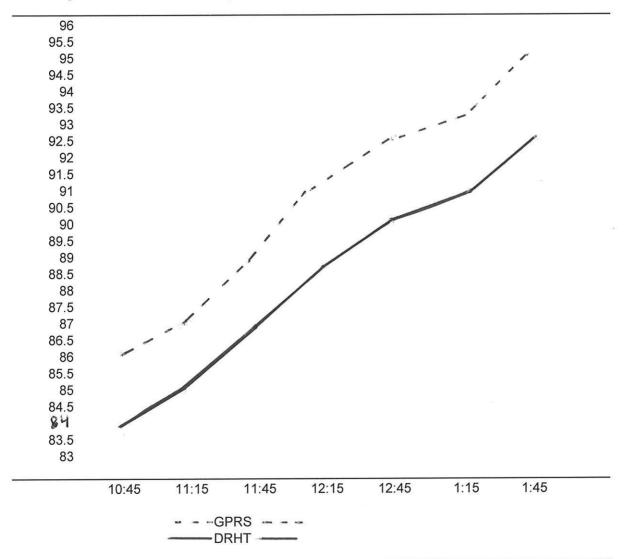
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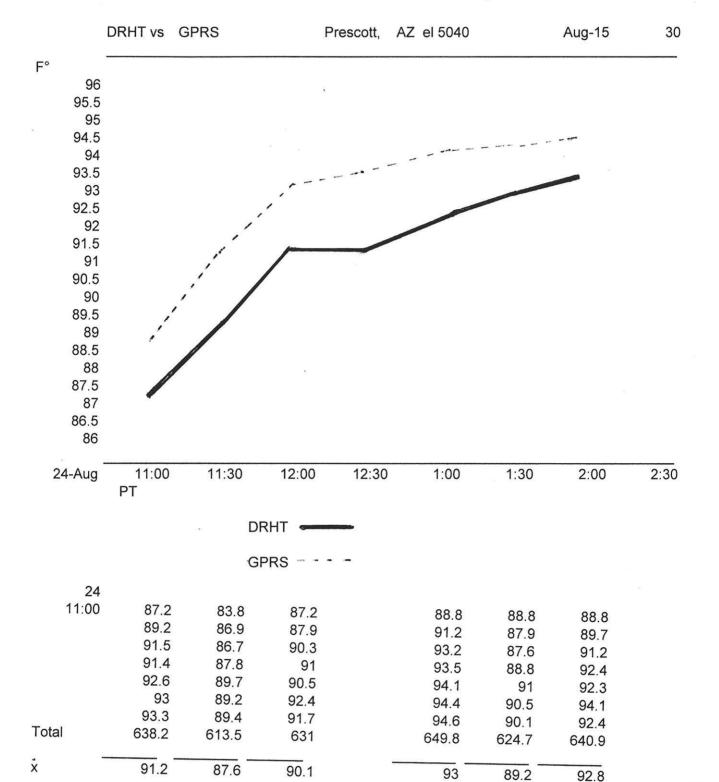
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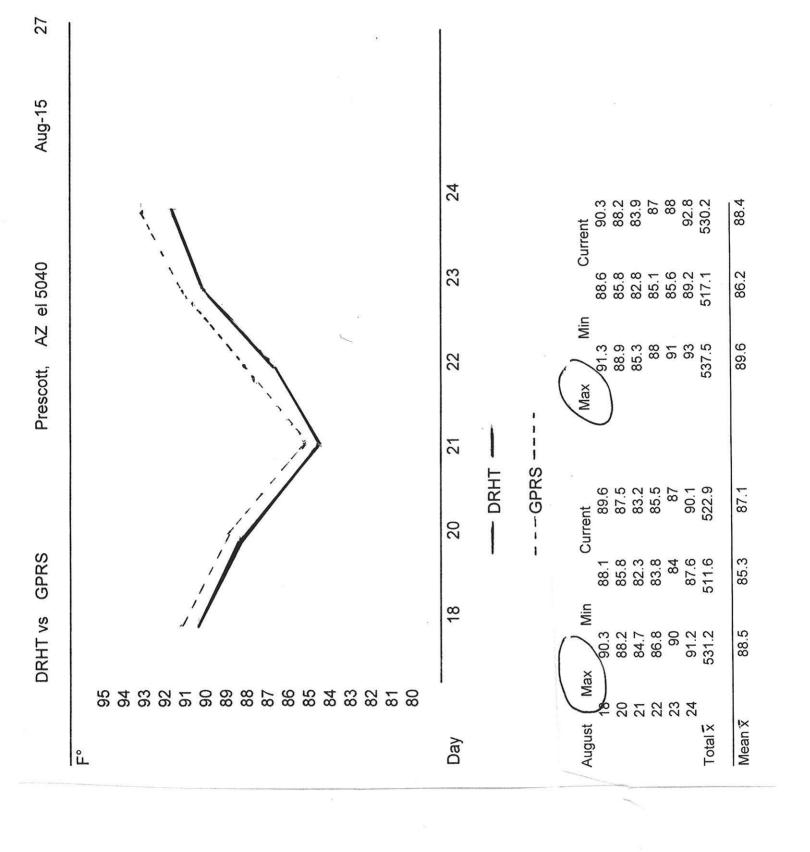


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6-Jul	85.5		86
7-Jul	86.9		87.6
8-Jul	90.4		91.4
9-Jul	92		92.3
13-Jul	91.4		92
14-Jul	93.7		94.2
15-Jul	94.4		94.8
Total	634.3		638.3
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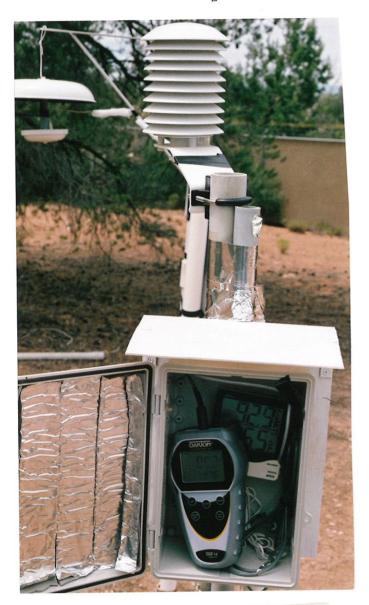


16-Aug			DRHT				GPRS		
	Max		Min	Current	Max		Min	Current	
10:45		83.8	83.1	83.4		86.1	84.2	84.7	
11:15		84.9	82.7	84.9		87	83.8	85.6	
11:45		86.7	84.2	86		88.7	85.4	87.6	
12:15		88.7	85.4	88.1		91	86.9	89.9	
12:45		90.1	87.8	88.5		92.4	89.9	90.5	
1:15		91	88.5	90.1		93.2	89.9	93	
1:45		92.8	90.1	91.5		95	91	92.6	
Total		618	601.8	612.5		633.4	611.1	623.9	
x High		88.3	86	87.5		90.5	87.3	89.1	



















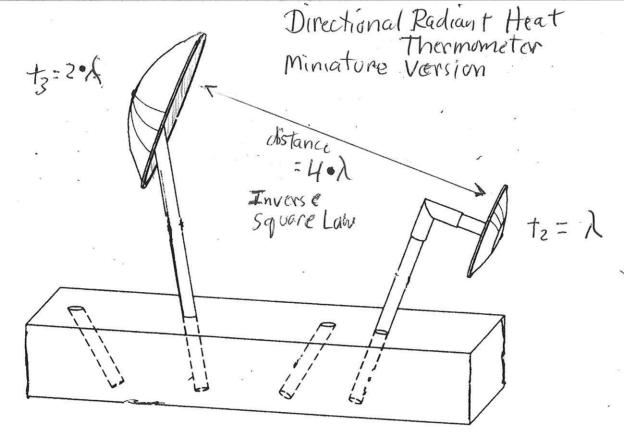
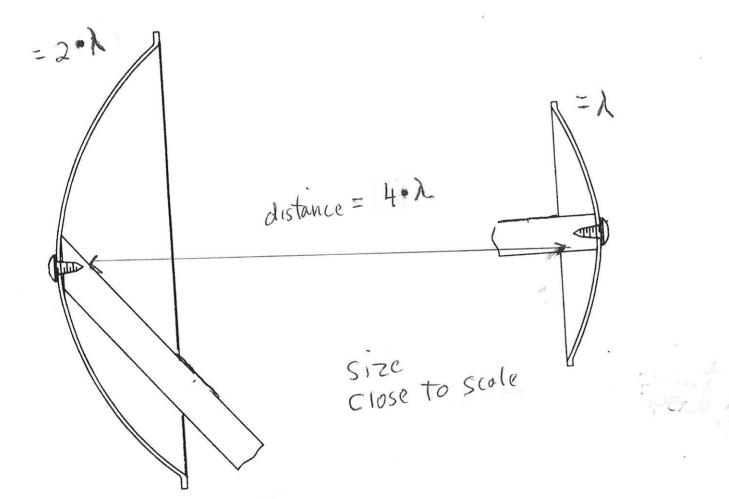
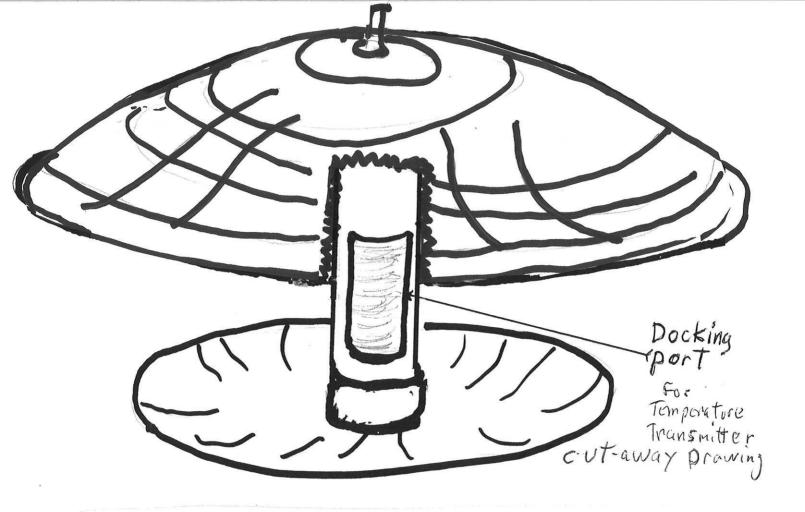
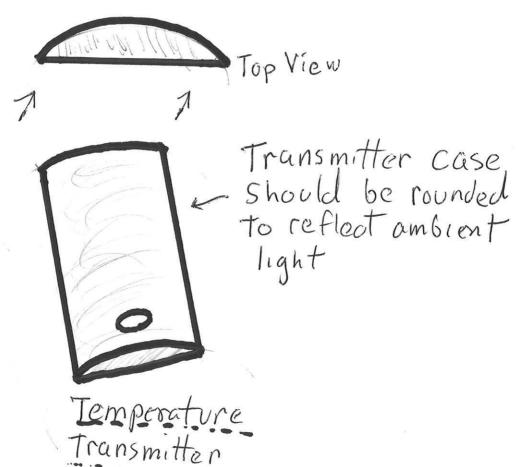
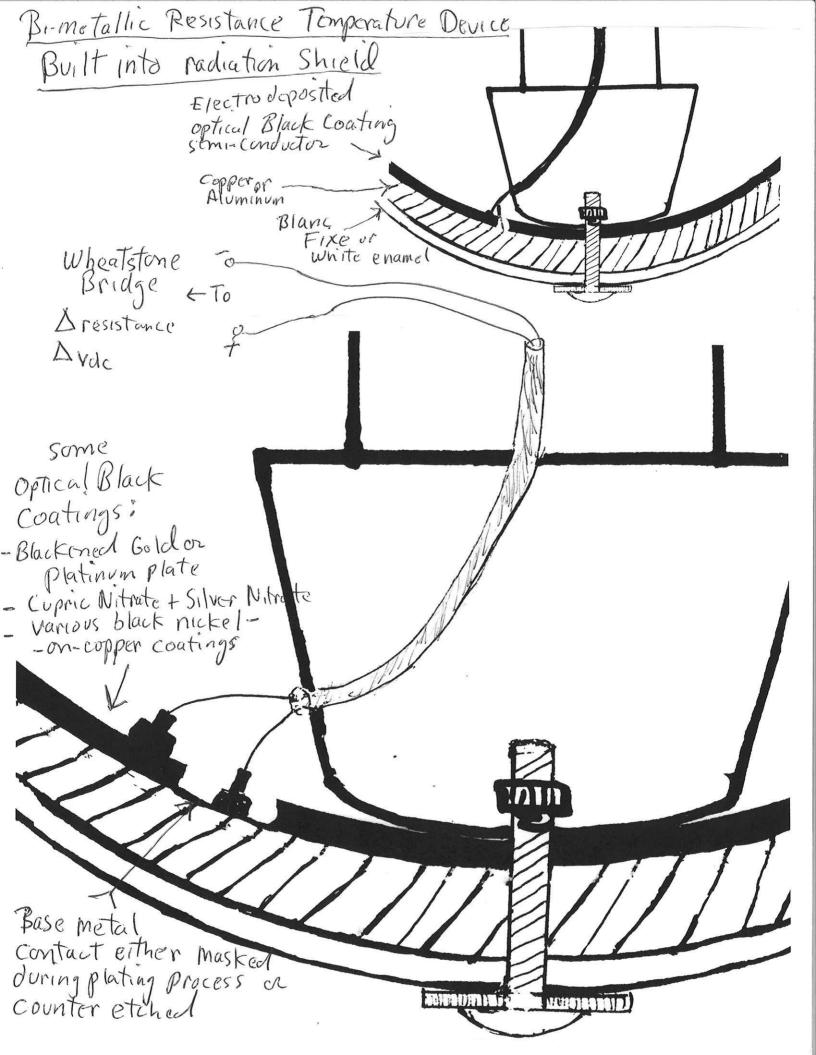


FIG. 4









2 TYPES OF PHYSICAL SORPTION / BLACKBODY INTERACTION

Sorption type ABSORPTION ADSORPTION

State: endothermic exothermic

Hot Light Cold Light

Indicator: color temperature boundary layer

Manifestation: emittance emission

Material: ceramic metal

Example: heat tiles DRHT

Sorption:(general term) process of absorption, adsorption; the taking up of one substance at the surface of another. chemiosorption, persorption, desorption meniscus, thermowell, viscoelastic flow welling.

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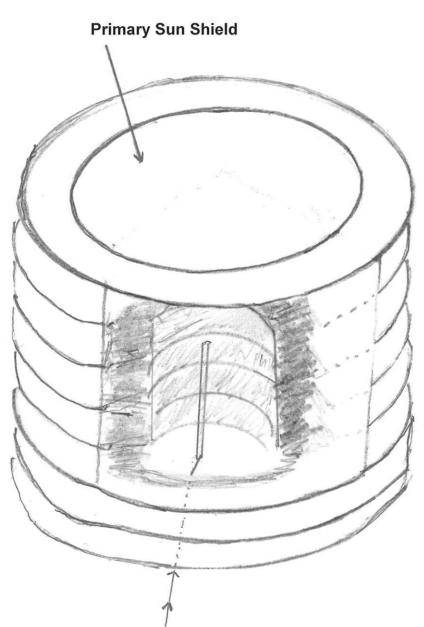
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2013 HIGH OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE Radiation Compensated Therm

Prescott, AZ el 5040 Plate Radiation Shields

June	F	louse	12" Shop	GPRS	W.L.	
	1	96	92.4	93.3	91.5	
	2	93.4	93	94.6	96.1	
	2	94.4	93	92.8	92.2	
	4	92.4	91.5	91.9	92.2	
	5	97.3	96.2	95.5	93	
	6	101.4	99.1	99.6	99.6	
	7	102	98.9	98.7	100.4	
	8	99.5	98.6	98.9	101.6	
	9	100.5	98.7	98.9	100.2	
	10	96.9	96.9	97.5	97.2	
	11	96.4	95.7	95.9	97.1	
	12	102	100.1	100.5	101.7	
	13	95.5	94	94.2	95.1	
	14	95	93.3	93.7	95.9	
	15	93.2	94.6	93.5	94	
	16	95.7	94.2	94.4	95.4	
	17	95.3	93.5	94.8	94.2	
	18	95.3	93.7	94.6	94.5	
	19	0	91.4	91.4	91.5	
	20	0	91.2	91.5	91.2	
	21	0	93.7	92.4	92.7	
	22	0	91.9	92.3	92.2	
	23	0	90.9	91.5	91.9	
	24	0	87.7	87.6	87.5	
	25	0	92.8	92.6	92.4	
	26	0	96	96	96.7	
	27	0	101.1	101.1	100.3	
	28	111.2	111.2	111.2	108	
	29	107.5	107.2	105.9	105.5	
	30	0	107.6	105.9	107.4	
TOTAL	-	1960.9	2880.1	2882.7	2889.2	
Month		98	96	96.1	96.3	

Aluminum Fabricated Plate Radiation Shield With Blackened Thermowell



Remote temperature probe is inserted into blackened Thermo well (Cutaway)

Omni-directional shield design radiates heat outwardly. Conventional plastic shields rely on airflow (and insulate) instead of the "outflow" of metal radiation fins. Temperature moves from hot-to-cold.

Drawing not to scale

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[0009] The technology described herein is referred to as a Radiation Compensated Thermometer, which uses the natural thermoelectric emissive characteristics of metal, because metal has more in common with the universe than plastic. This is also a step towards greater integration of sensor and shield.

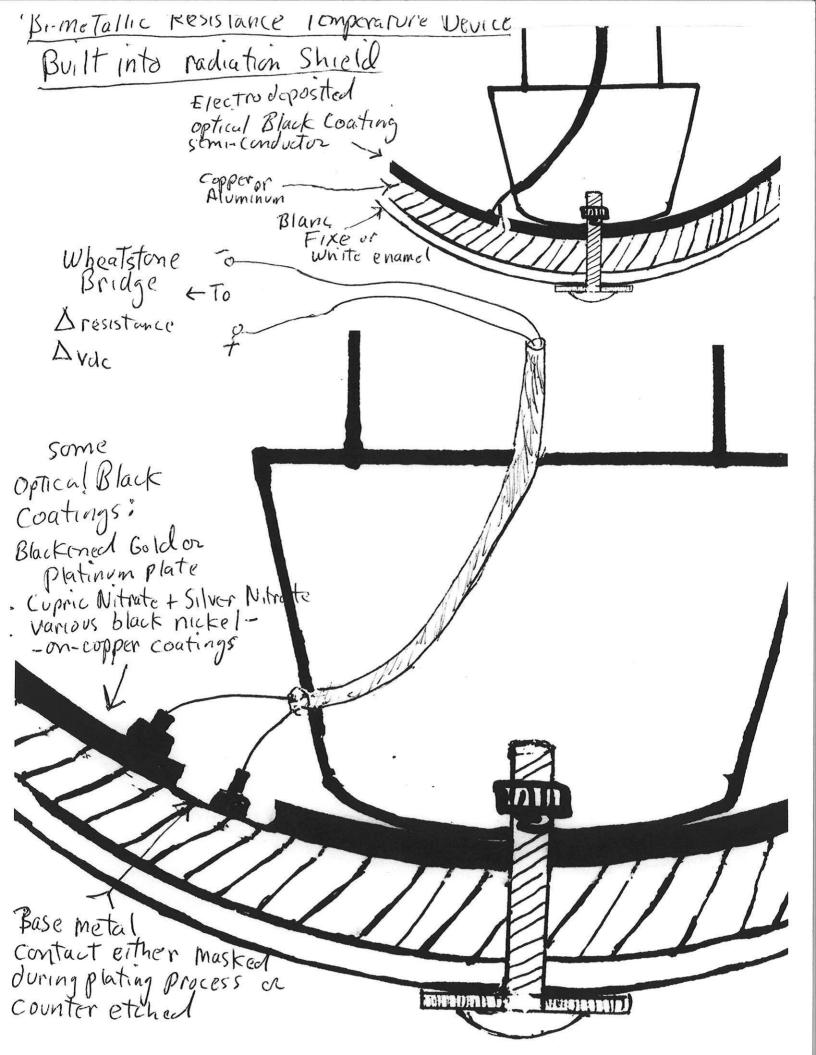
SUMMARY

[0010] Accordingly, it is an advantage to provide a radiation compensated thermometer that uses a pair of spaced-apart curved radiation shields, in which the upper shield is sufficiently large to provide shade for the lower shield, and in which both shields have a substantially reflective outer surface and a substantially non-reflective inner surface, and a temperature sensor is positioned within a "dead space" near the inner surface of the lower shield, where the air temperature is lower.

[0011] It is another advantage to provide a radiation compensated thermometer that uses a pair of spaced-apart curved radiation shields, in which the upper shield is sufficiently large to provide shade for the lower shield, and in which both shields have a substantially reflective outer surface and a substantially non-reflective inner surface; the two shields are mounted to a pole that is pivotable in two directions so that it can be aimed at the sun, as the sun transits the sky.

[0012] It is yet another advantage to provide a miniaturized radiation compensated thermometer that uses a pair of spaced-apart curved radiation shields, in which the upper shield is sufficiently large to provide shade for the lower shield, and in which both shields have a substantially reflective outer surface and a substantially non-reflective inner surface; the two shields are mounted to a base that is connected to an equatorial mount, so that the two shields can track the sun, as the sun transits the sky.

[0013] It is still another advantage to provide an omni-directional radiation compensated thermometer that uses a pair of spaced-apart curved radiation shields, in which the upper shield is sufficiently large to provide shade for the lower shield, and in



2016 DRHT vs GPRS Fahrenheit

		DRHT			GPRS		
May 31	Max	Min	Current	Max	Min	Current	
11:15	81.5		80.6	84.1	80	83.4	
	82.5	79.5	81.3	84.7	81.5	82.4	
	83.4		83.4	85.4	79.5	85.2	
	84.9		84.3	85.6	80	84.9	
	86.7		84	87.8	83.6	84.7	
Total	419		413.6	427.6	404.6	420.6	
x	83.8	79.7	82.7	85.5	80.9	84.1	
1-Jun							
11:45	85.2	81.8	85.1	87.2	83.1	86.5	
	88.1	84	86.3	89.4	86	87.8	
	89.2	86	87.9		87.4	88.8	
	89.7		88.7	91.9	87	91.2	
Total	352.2	337.9	348	359.9	343.5	354.3	
x	88	84.5	87	90	85.9	88.6	
2-Jun			100000000000000000000000000000000000000				
11:10	89.2		87.8	91.4	87.8	90.3	
	89.2		88.7	92.1	88.5	91.7	
	89.9	86.9	87.4	92.4	88.1	90.3	
	90.1	86.3	89.6	92.8	88.7	90.5	
	91.7	88.1	89.9	94.6	90.8	92.3	
	92.8	87	91.4	95.3	89.6	94.1	
Total	542.9	520.6	534.8	558.6	533.5	549.2	
х	90.5	86.8	89.1	93.1	88.9	91.5	
3-Jun			and with the second		W 22	20020 200	4
11:15	93.3	89.4	91.9	95.1	90.3	93.9	
	93.5	89.9	91.5	96.8	92.1	93.2	
	95.3	90.3	94.2	96.9	93.2	96	
	96.4	93	96	99.2	94.8	97.8	
Total	378.5	362.6	373.6	388	370.4	380.9	
×	94.6	90.6	93.4	97	92.6	95.2	

2016 DRHT vs GPRS Fahrenheit

A	D	RHT					
4-Jun M	ax M	in C	urrent	Max	Min	Current	
11:15	94.4	92.3	93.9	97.8	95.3	97.1	
	95.5	92.3	94.2	97.5	95.3	96	
	96.2	93.2	95.7	98	95.5	97.3	
	98.2	93.5	97.8	101.4	95.7	98.9	
	98.6	93.5	98.6	100.4	96.6	99.3	
Total	482.9	464.8	480.2	495.1	478.4	488.6	
× _	96.6	93	96	99	95.7	97.7	
5-Jun							
11:15	96.4	93.7	94.2	97.3	94.8	95.7	
	98.2	93	97.3	99.8	94.4	98.4	
	98.2	93	98	98.7	96.2	97.7	
	98.4	96.2	96.9	99.3	96.6	97.5	
	99.6	95.9	97.8	100.4	96.4	98.4	
	98.6	97.3	98	99.6	97.5	97.8	
Total	589.4	569.1	582.2	595.1	575.9	585.5	
x –	98.2	94.8	97	99.2	96	97.6	
6-Jun		·					
11:10	91.4	88.7	89.9	93	89.6	91	
	91.8	89.4	90.5	93.3	90.5	92.1	
	93	89.6	93	95	91	95	
	94.4	90.1	92.6	95.3	91.4	94.4	
	94.2	91	92.3	95.3	91.7	94.1	
Total	464.8	448.8	458.3	471.9	454.2	466.6	
x	93	89.8	91.7	94.4	90.8	93.3	
	ax x						
31-May	83.8			85.5			
1-Jun	88			90			
2-Jun	90.5			93.1			
3-Jun	94.6			97			
4-Jun	96.6			99			
5-Jun	98.2			99.2		×	
6-Jun	93			94.4			
Total	644.7			658.2			
M	ean x	92.1	Mean	94			

2016 DRHT vs GPRS 30 minute intervals Fahrenheit

	DRHT			GPRS			
19-Jun I	Max I	Min C	urrent		⁄lin	Current	
11:30	97.7	94.1	96.6	98.4	95.1	98	
	97.7	94.1	96.4	98.6	96.4	97.8	
	100.2	95.5	98	100.7	96.8	97.8	
	100.4	96	98.7	100.9	96.9	99.5	
	102.2	98.6	101.8	102.5	98.6	102.5	
Total	498.2	478.3	491.5	501.1	483.8	495.6	
x -	99.6	95.7	98.3	100.2	96.8	99.1	
20-Jun							
10:45	100.2	98.4	98.7	100.5	99.3	99.8	
	100.5	97.5	100.4	101.8	98.6	101.4	
	102.3	98.9	99.1	103.1	99.3	99.3	
	103.6	98.4	101.4	104.7	98.9	102.3	
	104.9	101.6	102.9	105.2	101.4	103.2	
	105.6	102.3	102.9	105.9	102.5	104.5	
Total	617.1	597.1	605.4	621.2	600	610.5	
x -	102.8	99.5	100.9	103.5	100	101.7	
24-Jun							
10:40	89	86.7	86.9	89.4	87.2	87.4	
	90.3	86.9	89.2	92.1	87.6	89.7	
	92.1	88.3	90.6	92.1	89.2	90.3	
	91.2	89.6	89.7	91.5	89.6	89.9	
	91.5	89.4	91.5	92.3	89.7	91.7	
Total	454.1	440.9	447.9	457.4	443.3	449	
x -	90.8	88.2	89.6	91.5	88.6	89.8	
25-Jun			·	The state of the s			
11:05	89.4	87.8	88.7	92.1	89	92.1	
	92.4	87.9	91.4	93	89.6	92.4	
	93.9	89.6	93.2	95.5	90.8	94.8	
	94.8	92.3	94.2	95.9	92.6	93.7	
	97.3	93.5	93.7	96.8	92.3	93.2	
Total	467.8	451.1	461.2	473.3	454.3	466.2	
x -	93.6	90.3	92.2	94.7	90.9	93.2	
N	Max x			Max x			
19-Jun	99.6			100.2			
20-Jun	102.8			103.5			
24-Jun	90.8			91.5			
25-Jun	93.6			94.7			
Total	386.8			389.9			
Max xx	96.7			97.5			

2016 DRHT vs GPRS Fahrenheit

30 minute intervals

	DR	HT		GF	PRS		
6-Jul M			ırrent	Max Mi	n C	urrent	
11:00	83.3	81.3	82	84.4	82	83.1	
	83.8	81.6	83.1	84.3	82.5	83.6	
	86.5	82.7	83.3	86.9	83.1	85.1	
	86.5	82.5	85.4	86.9	83.1	85.6	
	86	83.6	85.8	86.1	84.2	86	
	86.9	84.3	85.8	87.2	84.3	86.1	
Total	513	496	505.4	515.8	499.2	509.5	
x -	85.5	82.7	84.2	86	83.2	85	
7 1.1							
7-Jul	84.5	82.5	84.5	85.8	83.1	85.4	
11:00	85.6	82.7	83.6	86.5	83.6	85.1	
		85.4	84.9	87.2	84.2	86.7	
	86.7		86.5	88.7	85.6	87.2	
	88.1	84.5	86.3	88.5	85.6	87.8	
	88.1	85.1		88.8	86.9	89.2	
	88.3	86	87.8	525.5	509	521.4	
Total	521.3	506.2	513.6	525.5	509	JZ 1.4	
x	86.9	84.4	85.6	87.6	84.8	86.9	
8-Jul							
11:00	87.6	85.2	87	88.7	86	88.1	
	89.2	86.1	87.2	89.4	87	87.6	
	90.5	86.9	89.4	91.4	87.8	90.5	20
	91.7	87	89.7	92.8	87.9	90.8	
	91	88.1	88.3	91.5	89	89.9	
	91.7	88.7	89.6	93	89.2	90.5	
	91.4	89.7	90.1	93.2	90.5	93	
Total	633.1	611.7	621.3	640	617.4	630.4	
х -	90.4	87.4	88.7	91.4	88.2	90.1	
9-Jul				The A series	September Value	weeken need	
11:00	91	87.6	91	91.5	87.9	91.4	
	91.2	87.6	89.9	91.7	88.5	91.5	
	92.1	89.2	91.1	92.4	89.6	92.1	
	92.4	89.9	90.8	92.8	90.1	92.1	
	93.3	89.7	91.4	93.2	90.3	91.9	
	92.1	89.6	91.4	92.3	90.3	91.9	
Total	552.1	533.6	545.6	553.9	536.7	550.9	
T-	92	88.9	90.9	92.3	89.4	91.8	

2016 DRHT vs GPRS Fahrenheit

30 minute intervals

	DRHT			GPRS			
13-Jul N	Max N	∕lin	Current	Max	Min	Cuirrent	
10:45	87.8	86.1	86	88.8	87	88.1	
	90.3	87	89.4	90.1	87.4	90.1	
	90.8	87.2	90.5	91.2	87.4	90.8	
	92.6	89.2	90.8	93.7	89.9	91.5	
	92.4	89.6	91	93.2	90.3	90.8	
	92.6	89.6	92.4	93.5	89.7	91.9	
	92.8	91.5	91.5	93.2	92.3	92.8	
	92.1	89.7	91.7	92.4	90.3	92.3	
Total	731.4	709.9	723.3	736.1	714.3	728.3	
x -	91.4	88.7	90.4	92	89.3	91	
14-Jul	and the same						
10:45	91.4	87.9	88.8	92.1	88.8	90.6	
	92.8	89	92.8	93.2	90.3	92.6	
	93.2	91.2	91.5	93.5	91.2	92.3	
	93.7	91.2	91.9	94.1	91.4	93.2	
	94.8	91.2	93.5	94.8	91.9	93.7	
	94.6	91	93.3	95.5	91.7	93.9	
	95.5	93.2	93.2	96.4	92.6	92.8	
Total	656	634.7	645	659.6	637.9	649.1	
x -	93.7	90.6	92	94.2	91.1	92.7	
15-Jul							
10:30	91.9	89.2	89.9	92.8	89.6	89.6	
	93	89	91.9	94.2	89.6	92.1	
	93.5	90.8	92.8	93.9	91.4	93.7	
	94.8	91.2	92.3	94.8	92.1	93	
	94.8	91.4	93.2	94.8	91.4	93.3	
	95.9	92.6	95.9	96.2	93	95.9	
	96.8	95.3	96	97.1	93.5	96	
Total	660.7	639.5	652	663.8	640.6	653.6	
× -	94.4	91.4	93.1	94.8	91.5	93.3	
	Лах х	All the second second		Max x			

Max x	Max x
85.5	86
86.9	87.6
90.4	91.4
92	92.3
91.4	92
93.7	94.2
94.4	94.8
634.3	638.3
90.6	91.2
	86.9 90.4 92 91.4 93.7 94.4 634.3

2015 DRHT vs GPRS Fahrenteit

August	1	ORHT			GPRS		
18 N	/lax l	Min	Current	Max	Min	Current	
11:30	87	85.2	86.5	87.6	87.1	87.4	
12:00	89	86.3	88.3	90.8	87	89.6	
12:30	89.9	88.1	89.2	91.7	88.5	90.3	
1:00	90.5	88.8	89.2	91.7	89	89	
1:30	91.4	88.3	91.4	92.3	88.1	92.3	
2:00	92.3	89.9	90.3	92.4	89.9	90.3	
2:30	92.3	90.3	92.1	93	90.5	93	
Total	632.4	616.9	627	639.5	620.1	631.9	
х –	90.3	88.1	89.6	91.3	88.6	90.3	
20 N	/lax [Min	Current	Max	Min	Current	
11:30	86.5	83.8	84.9	87	82		
12:00	86.5	84	85.2	87.2	84.9	86.3	
12:00	87.4	84.7	86.5	87.8	85.8	86.9	
12:30	89	85.8	89	89.9	86.7	89.9	
1:00	89.6	89.6	89.2	90.3	87.4	89.6	
1:30	90.3	87.2	90.1	91.2	87.8	90.6	
Total	529.3	515.1	524.9	533.4	514.6	529.3	
× -	88.2	85.8	87.5	88.9	85.8	88.2	
21							
11:00	82.5	80	81.5	83.1	80.4	81.3	
	82.9	80.4	82.2	83.4		83.4	
	84	81.8	82.9	84.7		83.8	
	86.5	82.5	84.2	87.8		85.1	
	86.1	85.4	83.4	86.3		84.7	
	86.1	83.6	84.9	86.7	84.3	85.4	
Total	508.1	493.7	499.1	512	496.6	503.7	
x -	84.7	82.3	83.2	85.3	82.8	83.9	

2015 DRHT vs GPRS Fahrenheit

August	DRHT		GPRS			
22 [Max I	Min	Current	Max	Min	Current
11:00	83.4	81.1	83.3	84.9	82	84.9
11:30	84.3	81.5	83.6	86	82.5	85.1
12:00	85.8	83.3	84.7	86.9	84.5	86.1
12:30	88.1	83.8	86.9	88.8	85.4	87.4
1:00	87.6	84.9	86	89.2	86.9	87.9
1:30	87.9	85.8	87.2	89.6	86.9	89.2
2:00	89	86.1	87.2	91		
Total	606.1	586.5	598.9	616.4		
- K	86.6	83.8	85.5	88	85.1	87
23						
11:00	86.5	83.4	86.3	88.3	85.2	88.3
	87.9	84.7	87.2	89.4	86.1	87.8
	92.4	86.1	91.9	92.8	87.4	92.4
	93.2	82.5	82.7	93		
Γotal	360	336.7	348.1	363.5		
-	90	84	87	91	85.6	88
24						
11:00	87.2	83.8	87.2	88.8	88.8	88.8
ಂ ಸರುಕಾಡ್ಯ	89.2	86.9	87.9	91.2		
	91.5	86.7	90.3	93.2		91.2
	91.4	87.8	91	93.5		92.4
	92.6	89.7	90.5	94.1		92.3
	93	89.2	92.4	94.4		94.1
	93.3	89.4	91.7	94.6		92.4
otal	638.2	613.5	631	649.8		640.9
Κ -	91.2	87.6	90.1	93	89.2	92.8
August 1	Max I	Min (Current	Max	Min	Current
18	90.3	88.1	89.6	91.3		
20	88.2	85.8	87.5	88.9		
21	84.7	82.3	83.2	85.3		
22	86.8	83.8	85.5	88		87
23	90	84	87	91		88
24	91.2	87.6	90.1	93		
Fotal x	531.2	511.6	522.9	537.5		530.2
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(57) ABSTRACT

A radiant compensated thermometer, which uses a pair of parabolic-shaped radiation shields that are spaced-apart from one another. An upper shield is positioned to intercept the sunlight from impacting on a lower shield; both shields have an outer substantially reflective surface and an inner substantially non-reflective surface. A temperature sensor is positioned in a "dead space" near the inner surface of the lower shield, which is cooler than the other areas of the device.

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