

Temperature Controller for the ARC

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Capabilities

Temperature Sensor Inputs:

- 2x Hi-resolution (5mK RMS noise) 4-wire channels.
- 2x Lo-resolution (10mK RMS noise) 4-wire channels.
- Variable bandwidth single-pole digital filtering of all temperature sensor data.

Compatible sensor types:

- Standard Pt100.
- Lakeshore DT670.
- Low-cost 1N4148 diode.

Auxiliary Analogue Inputs:

- 1x 12-bit input, range 0-10V.
- 1x Pressure sensor input (MKS 970 or Pfeiffer PKR251 compatible).

Servo outputs:

- 2x 9W independent P-I servo loops.
- Linear output for low-noise.
- Tunable P-I and maximum slope constants.
- Programmable alarm and "servo-kill" temperature thresholds.
- Automatic shutdown in case of overload or cable faults.
- Telemetry on heater voltage/current/power.
- 10mK stability.

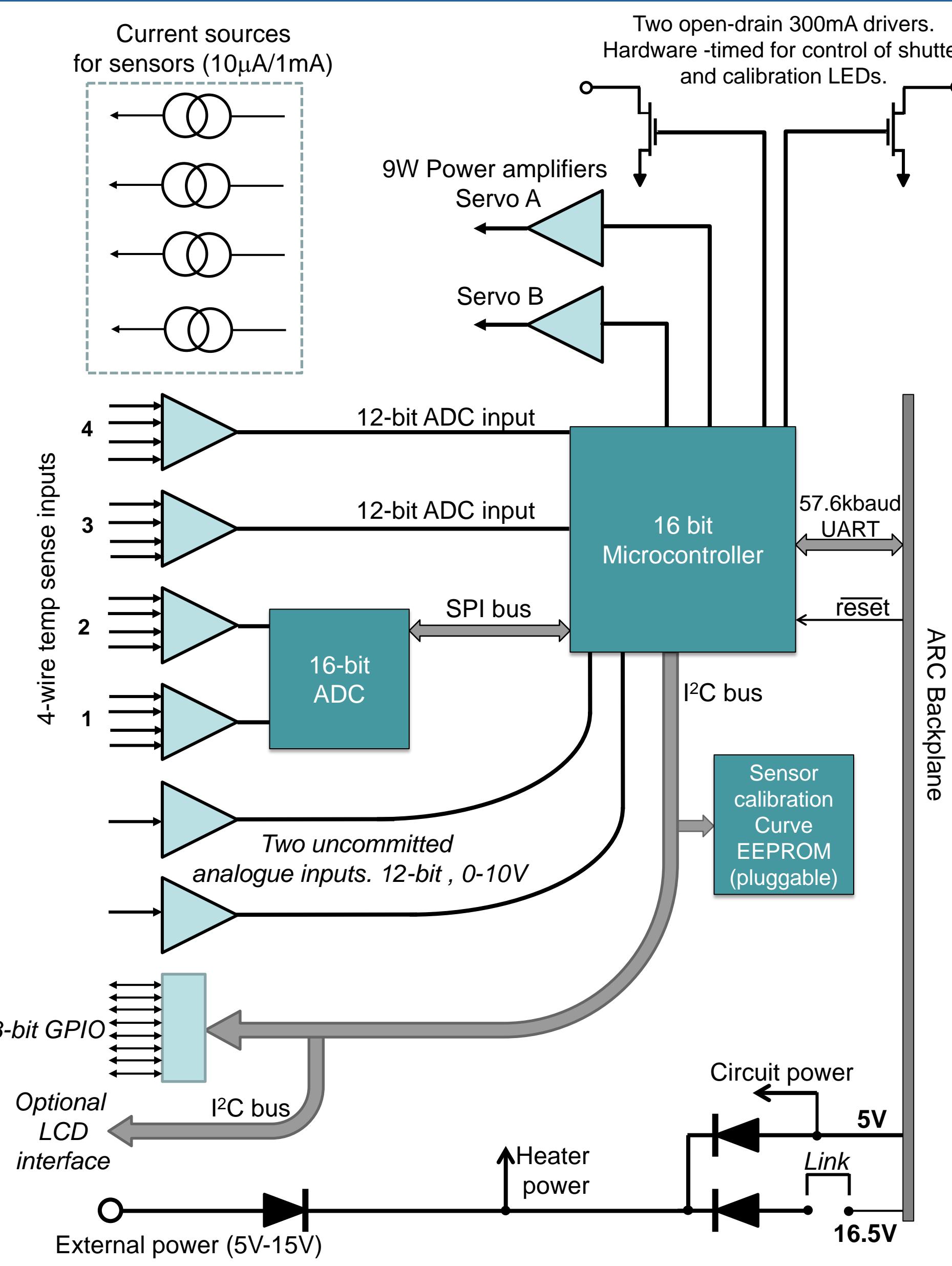
Auxiliary Digital I/O:

- 8-bit Parallel port, bits individually usable as inputs or outputs.
- 2x open-drain MOSFET switches to drive shutter or calibration LED. 300mA max.
- 2x 5V TTL outputs indicating status of the two servos (on/off/at temperature).
- 2x 5V TTL temperature alarm outputs.
- 1x 5V TTL Pressure alarm output.

Hardware timers:

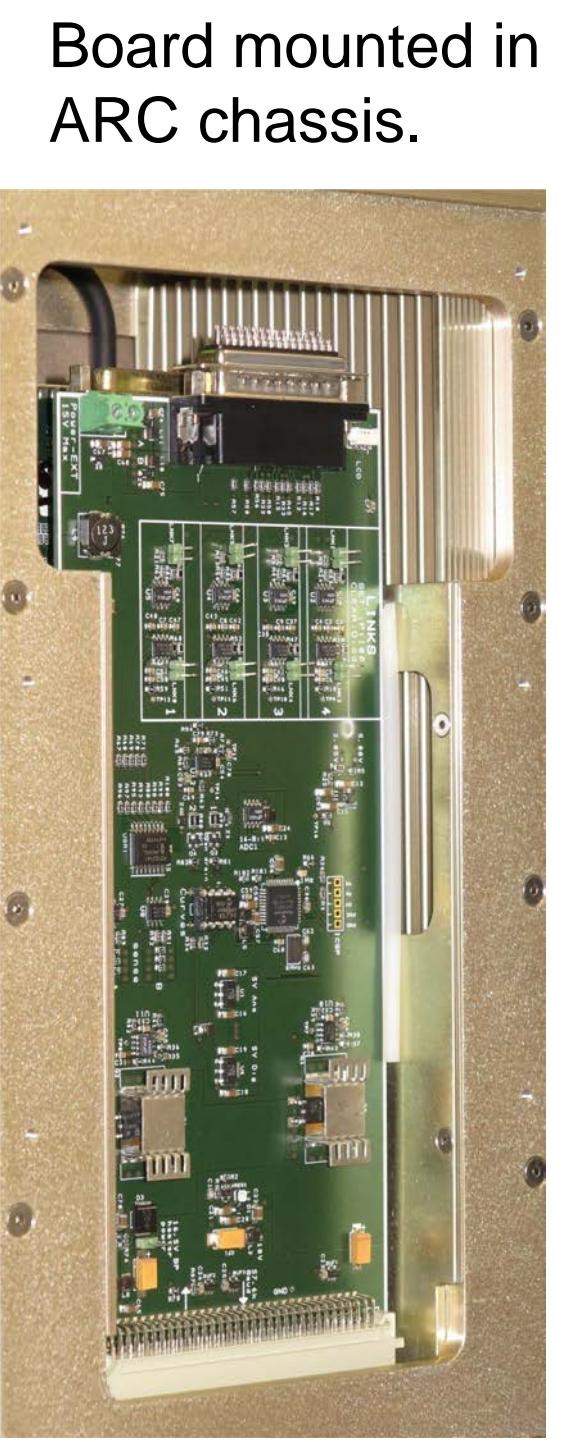
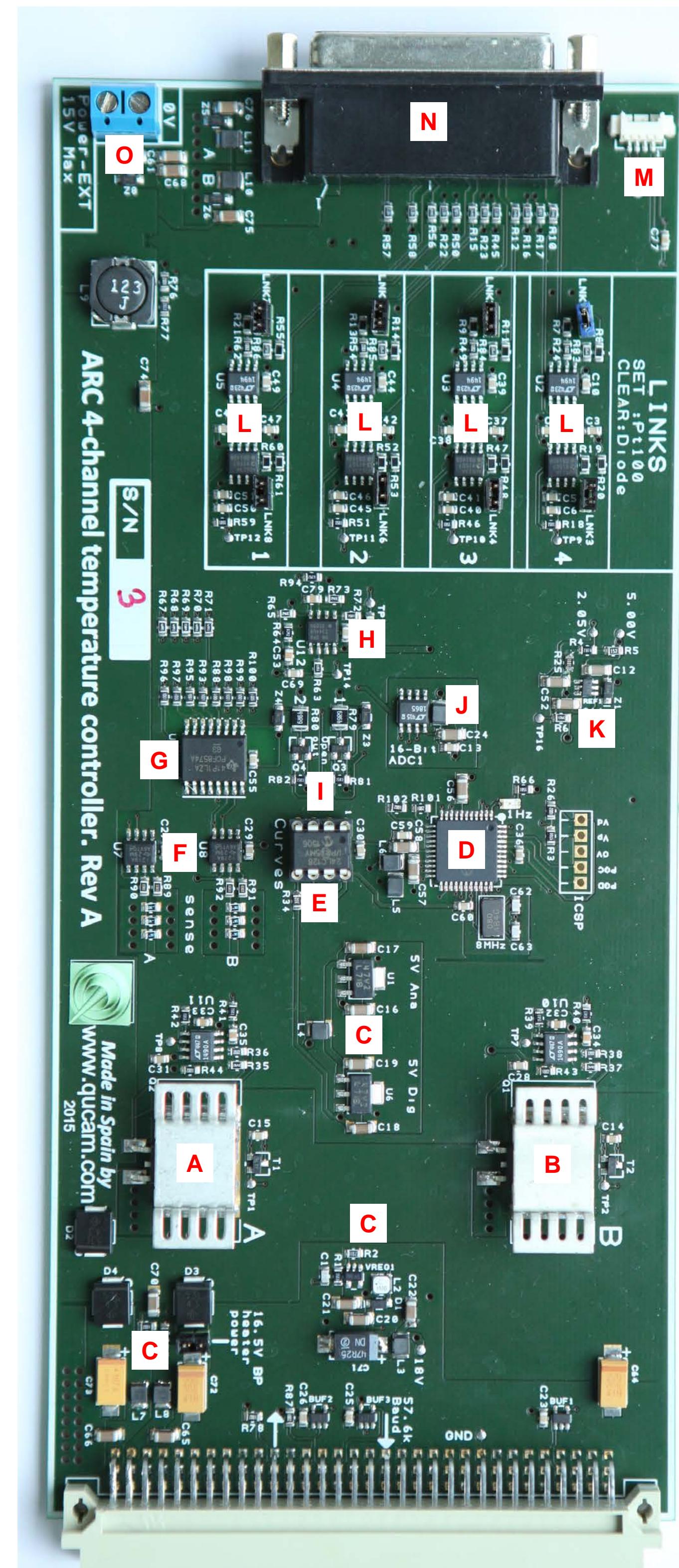
- 2x 16-bit shutter/LED timers.

System schematic



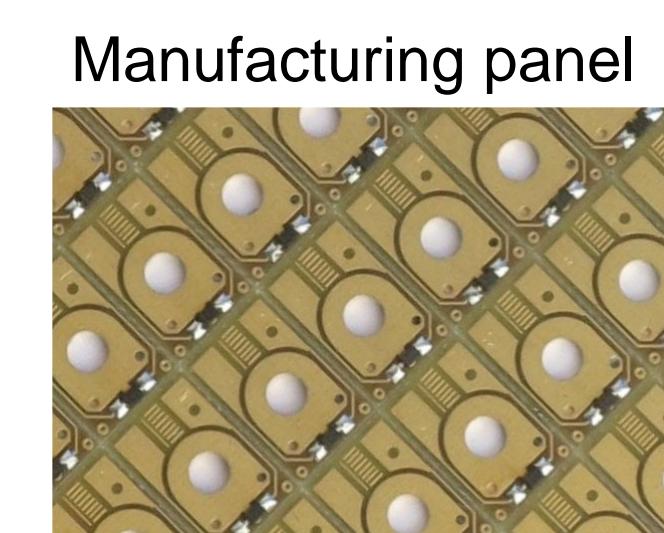
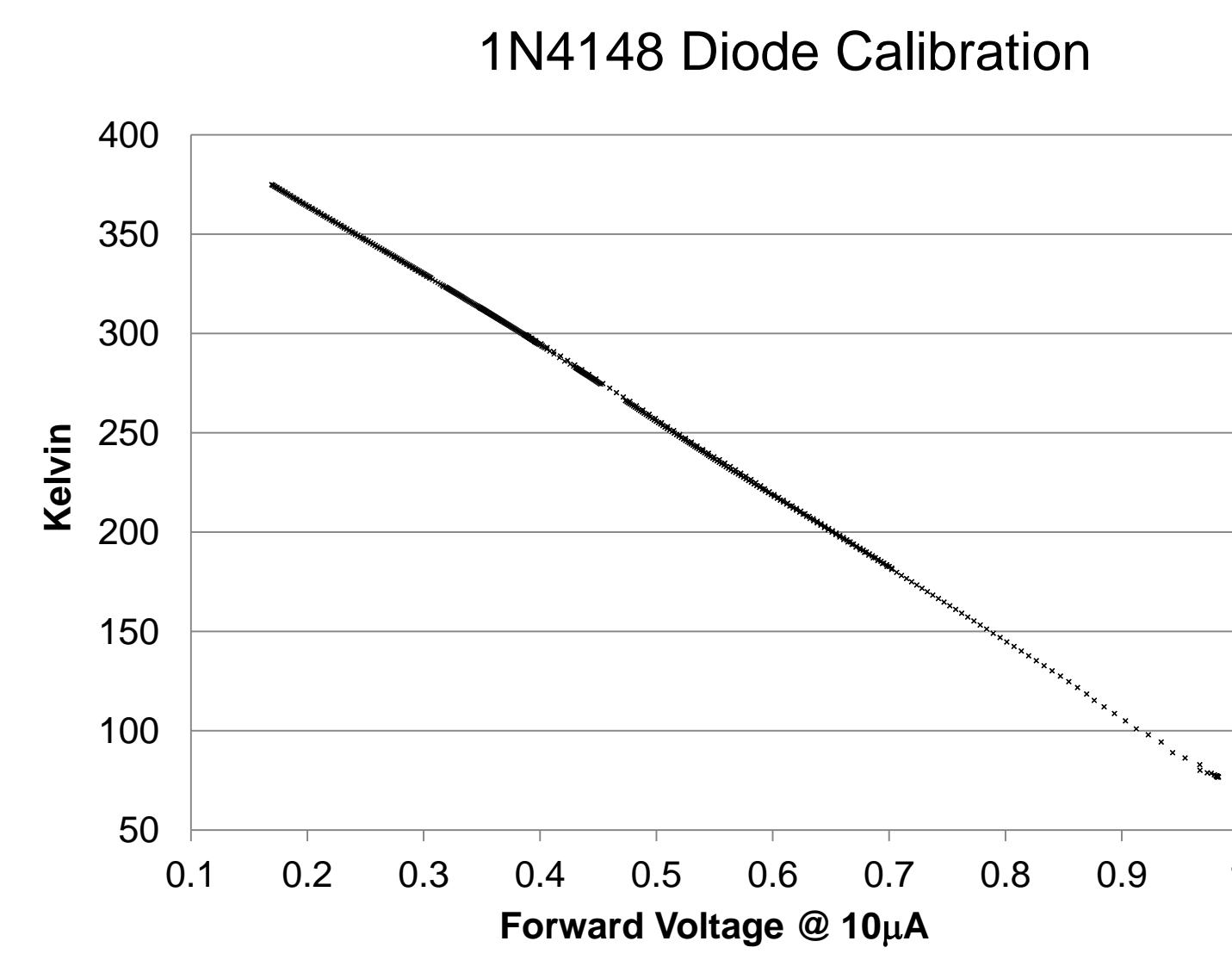
Hardware

4-layer ARC compatible PCB.



Board mounted in ARC chassis.

Low-cost temperature sensor

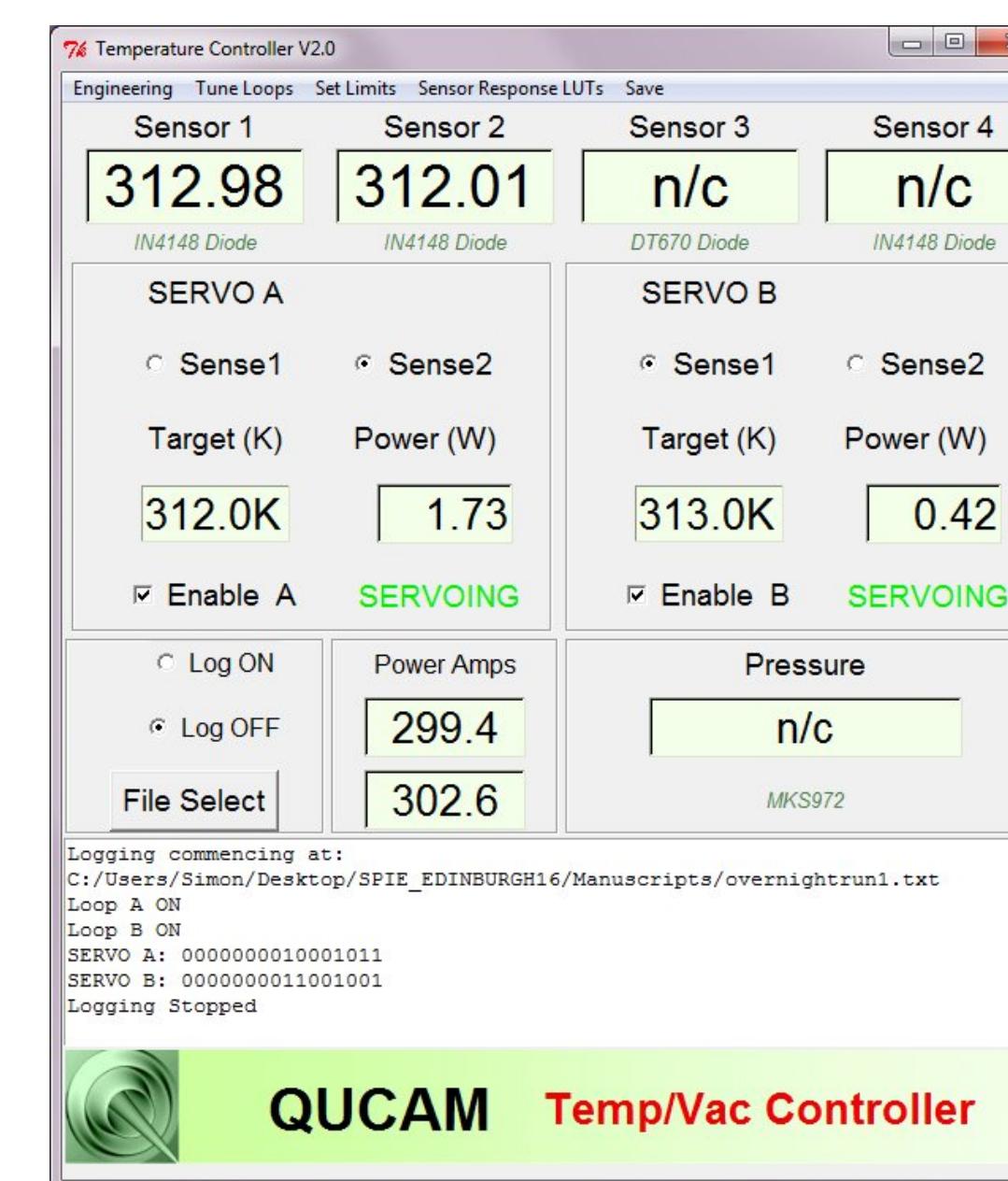


Sensor with leads attached

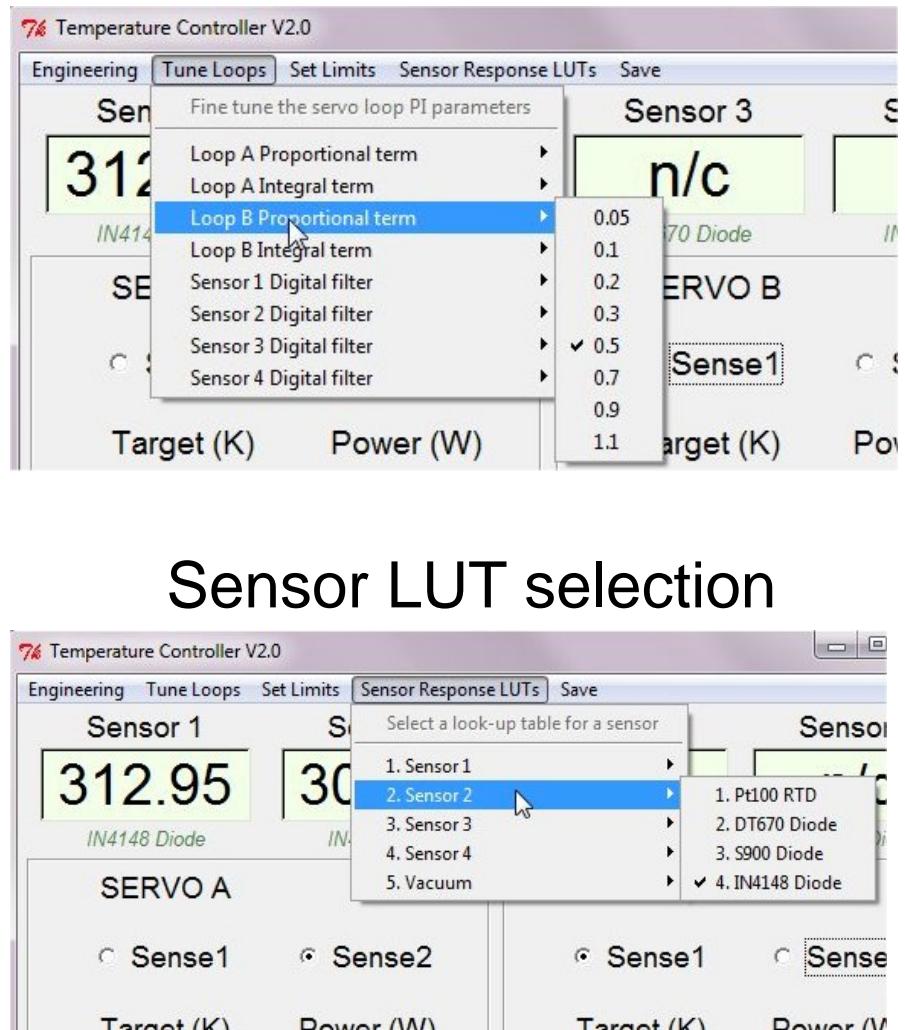
User Interface

The board can be controlled using the ARC SDK and the OWL GUI. It can also be used independently with a USB interface and Python GUI. Servo loops can be freely configured and the telemetry read back.

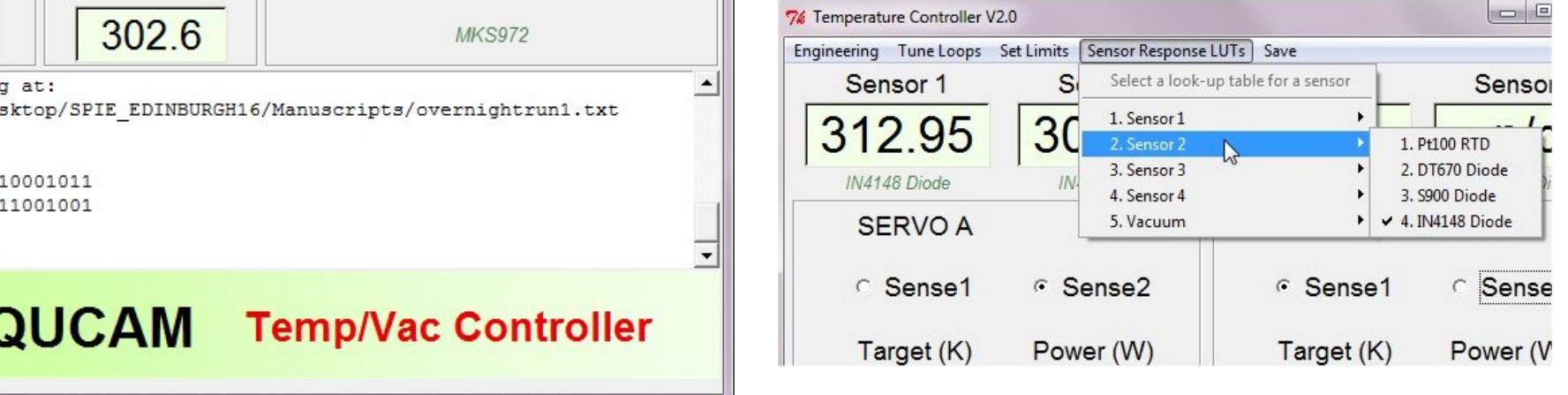
Main GUI



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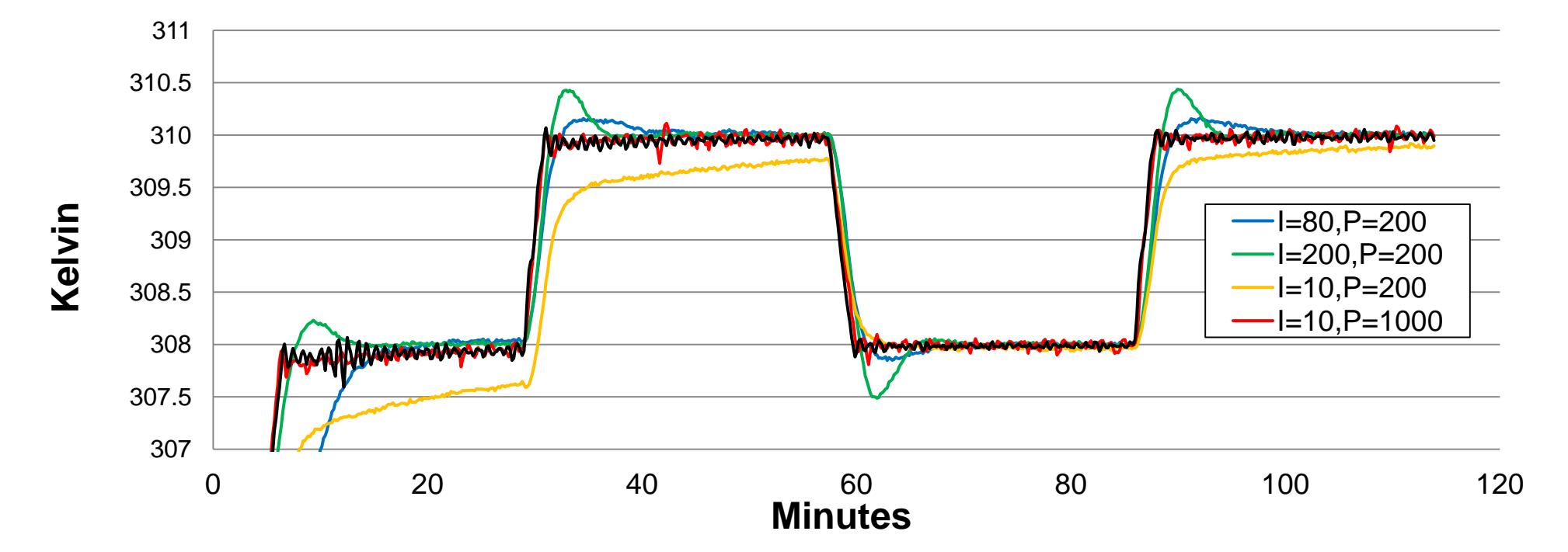


Sensor LUT selection

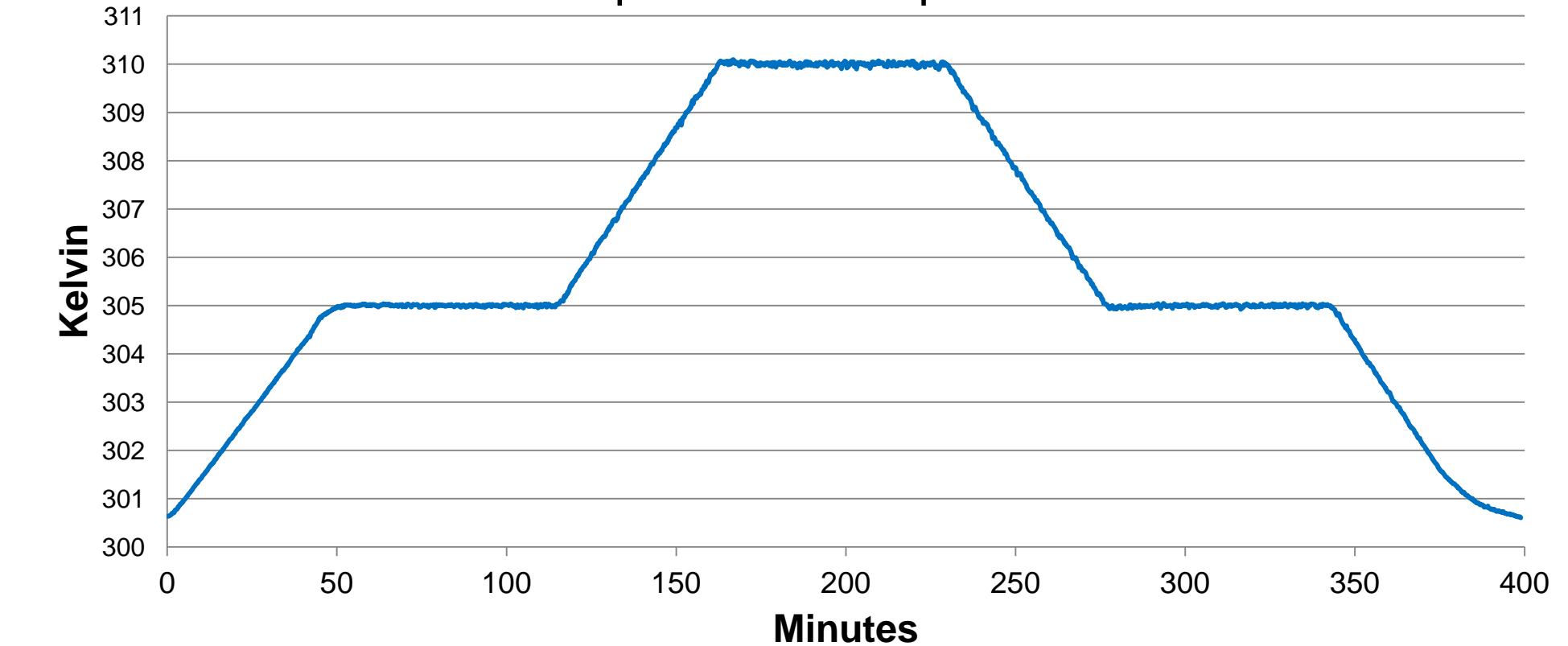


Performance

Transient response for various servo parameter settings



Slope control response



Long-term stability

