Aspect Camera Assembly overview

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- Aspect Camera Assembly (ACA) is a 4.5" star tracker
- Price: ~ \$20M
- ACA, gyros, and reaction wheels are basis for PCAD
 - Star positions to OBC for realtime spacecraft control
 - Image data for post-facto aspect reconstruction





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AXAF-I DEPLOYED CONFIGURATION









System Parameters

- ACA Components
 - Stray Light Shade (SLS)
 - Aspect Camera (AC)
 - Processor Electronics Assembly (PEA) x2
- Dimensions and Mass
 - SLS: 0.41m diameter, 2.34m length, 9kg
 - AC: 0.18m diameter, 0.42m length, 11.3kg
 - PEA: 9kg each
- Power
 - 20W average
- Processor
 - 1750A compatible
 - FORTH source code (in DM06)
 - 32KB PROM, 64KB RAM
 - 2 x 1280B EEPROM in AC

- Optics
 - Cassegrain telescope, with refractor triplet

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- Focal length: 991mm
- 0.11m aperture, f/9
- No redundancy in optics
- 2 focal plane detectors, singlestrung to PEAs
- Flip mirror mechanism for using redundant focal plane
- Focal Plane
 - TK1024 CCD
 - 1024x1024 pixels
 - pixel size: 24µm x 24µm
 - nominal plate scale: 5"/pixel
 - active FP cooled to -10C, using Peltier thermo-electric cooler
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System Performance

- field of view: 1.4° x 1.4°
- tracks and centroids up to 8 images
- median dark current: 12 e/second.
- Read noise: ~10 e.
- Sensitivity: ~7200 e/s for $m_{ACA} = 10$.
- Gain: 5 e/ADU (nominal).
- Normal integration time: 1.7 seconds
- Magnitude limit: ~10.6 mag
- Image data: 6x6 pixels (stars) or 8x8 pixels (fids)

EOL centroid accuracy:

(FM centroiding errors, single axis, 1σ , 6x6 pixel images, 2.05s cycle time)

star, $m_{ACA} = 10.2$:

- on-orbit, spatial error = 0.80"
- on-orbit, temporal error = 0.36"
- post-facto, spatial error = 0.20"
- post-facto, temporal error = 0.36"

fiducial light, $m_{ACA} = 7.0$:

- on-orbit, spatial error = 0.80"
- on-orbit, temporal error = 0.06"
- post-facto, spatial error = 0.14"
- post-facto, temporal error = 0.06"

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2. COORDINATE SYSTEMS

The Aspect Camera uses an X-Y-Z coordinate system that is nominally aligned with the AXAF-I

spacecraft coordinate system. When mapped through the optics onto the AC field of view, the CCD pixels are in a plane parallel to the Y-Z plane. Figure 2-1 shows the orientation of the primary and redundant CCDs, relative to the Y and Z axes, when projected onto the AC field of view. That figure also defines the column and row numbering system for the two CCDs. CCD rows are parallel to the Z axis, and columns are parallel to the Y axis. Note that in Figure 2-1(a), row numbers increase from left to right for the primary CCD. However, for the redundant CCD, in Figure 2-1(b), row numbers increase in the opposite direction due to the effect of the flip mirror in the optical path.





Figure 4.2-1. Aspect Determination Hardware and Alignment Axes

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- Aspect solution is a time history of the exact pointing attitude and spacecraft alignment
- Allows conversion from detector pixel coordinate to sky position (RA,Dec), as well as contruction of exposure maps



ACIS FIDUCIAL LIGHT CONFIGURATION





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HRC FID LIGHT CONFIGURATION





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ACA normal operations

- For ACA normal operations consists of the sequence:
 - Maneuver to new attitude in Normal Maneuver Mode
 - Acquire acquisition stars to establish fine attitude
 - Perform one-shot attitude update
 - Acquire guide stars and fid lights
 - Maintain attitude and dither (8-20 arcsec) in Normal
 Point Mode while tracking guide stars
- To support this:
 - Ground sends maneuver commands and star catalogs to the OBC via command loads
 - OBC sends commands to ACA at the right time



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ACA dark current calibration

- High-energy particles in space damage the CCD, creating warm and hot pixels.
- About 3 times per year the ACA dark current is measured using a special full-frame mode of the ACA and IU.
- ACA cal data are received in the 512 kb/s VC2 stream which replaces normal realtime telemetry.
- The dark cal consists of 5 full-frame readouts (5 sec and 10 sec) at slightly different positions.
- This procedure takes about 3 hours and must be done in realtime contact during perigee.





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Date: To:	07/03/08 FOT OCs/CCs	Phone:	617.496.7226						
From:	E. Martin	Phone:	617.496.7342	Location:	CAMA/33				
		Email:	emartin@ipa.cfa.harvard	.edu					
Subject:	Subject: Autonomous Aspect Camera Dark Current Operations (06 July 2008)								

Some information & reminders regarding the Aspect Camera dark current calibration:

- Please inform DSN and Cambridge Ops that Virtual Channel 2 (VC2) data will be coming in, and verify that DSN is ready to record VC2 data.
- Please record data quality:
 - One minute prior to the first VC2 data interval.
 - Immediately following the start of VC2 data flow and 30 sec before the end of the VC2 interval.
 - One minute after the last VC2 data interval.
- Virtual Channel 2 Data Intervals:

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57708	2008:188:21:35:00.000	2008:188:21:44:50.000
57706	2008:188:22:18:00.000	2008:188:22:27:50.000
57704	2008:188:23:01:00.000	2008:188:23:10:50.000
57702	2008:188:23:44:00.000	2008:188:23:53:50.000

• If normal telemetry fails to be available at the end of any calibration sequence, it is likely that SCS 107 has been activated. CAP 787 may be used to restore normal telemetry.



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ACA EGSE

- Sun workstation "coot" in SOT area of TST room
- real-time telemetry capture and archive
- ACA display
 - splat.pl
 - shows status, pixel data and images (log intensity scale), and command receipt and processing
- general purpose engineering telemetry displays
 - all engineering telemetry available
 - simple display page definition
 - disp <page_name>
 - rtplot <page_name>
- similar functions available on CXC and HEAD workstations

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Backup slides



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Post facto Aspect Determination

- Kalman filter
 - based on TRW design
 - uses past and future data
- ACA image centroiding
 - first moment
 - gaussian fitting
 - PSF fitting
- performance
- data products



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Documents and References

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- http://hea-www.harvard.edu/asclocal/doss/doss.html pre-launch reports
- http://asc.harvard.edu/mta/ASPECT post-launch reports



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Calibration

- focal plane coordinates
 - calibrated from Ball's Better Accuracy Test System (BATS)
 - 20-coefficient polynomials in Y, Z; functions of row, col, temp.
 - T,T²,T³ terms zeroed because of BATS systemic T dependency
- point spread function (PSF)
 - ray-trace library
 - library of super-resolved images across f.o.v. from pixel image data
- dark current
 - median ~12 electrons/second
 - fraction in high dark current tail increasing with time
- read noise: ~10 electrons, confirmed from width of dark current peak
- derived quantities
 - bad pixel list (> 2000 e/s), traps (visual inspection)
 - centroiding error array: from Monte Carlo of 10.2 mag star across f.o.v. with Poisson shot noise and Gaussian read noise.



Figure 1. The aspect camera effective filter, compared with the Johnson B and V filters. Note that the aspect camera is redder than the V filter and much broader than either of the Johnson filters.



Operation

- constraints and restrictions
- commands (and syntax errors)
- telemetry 2 separate streams:
 - OBC telemetry: status, FM centroids, magnitudes
 - aspect telemetry: status, 4x4 or 6x6m or 8x8 pixel readouts
 - "Header 3" diagnostic telemetry
- timing: nominal ACA integration = 1.696 seconds
- dark current calibration and calibration data format: @512kbps through IU
- patching: see DM-11
 - patch table: starts at address CB36
 - fidlight tracking patch: starts at address D200
 - reset patch: see DM-11
- AC EEPROM -separate EEPROMs for PEA-A and PEA-B
 - contents
 - re-programming: see DM-11

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