HST Status

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Agenda

- Pre-SM4 activities
- SM4 support
- SMOV overview
- NICMOS/NCS Status
- Cycle 16 Wrap-up and Cycle 17 LRP
Hubble’s 19th Anniversary

- April 21, 2009
- “Fountain of Youth” (Arp 194)
- WFPC2 Filters:
  - F814W, F606W, F450W
- 15+ years of WFPC2 observations
Actions to Keep HST Productive Prior to SM4

- Use of SNAPshot programs
  - Observed a higher fraction of targets than typical
  - Encouraged GOs to change/add targets in “good” portion of the sky
  - 4 programs adjusted targets
- Encouraged submission of FGS DD programs
  - These programs could be executed without SI C&DH
  - 3 programs approved for 244 orbits and >300 Supersnaps
- STScI “community service” programs (Leitherer presentation)
  - Bridged ~ one month gap before Cycle 16 Supplemental programs became available
  - Two programs with 211 orbits
- Cycle 16 Supplemental solicitation (Leitherer presentation)
## Cycle 16 Supplemental Program Status

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Pre-SM4 Activities - Available Instruments

- FGS
  - FGS1R AMA adjustment
  - Operational support

- WFPC2
  - WF4 bias anomaly
  - Operational support
  - Close-out and reprocessing (Jenkner presentation)

- ACS
  - SBC operational support

- NICMOS
  - NCS anomalies
  - Close-out and reprocessing (Jenkner presentation)
FGS Operational Support

- Supported FGS SNAP and DD programs
- With engineers, reviewed “Asteroseismology of Extrasolar Planet Host Stars”, program 11945
  - Six day nearly continuous observation using a single FGS was reviewed to ensure no impact to hardware
  - Worked with schedulers to optimize layout of observations

- Adjusted FGS1R articulated mirror
  - First use in 10 years
  - Corrects for slight misalignments that likely developed as a result of graphite epoxy desorption
WFPC2 Operational Support

- Reviewed Cycle 16 Supplemental Programs
  - 13 programs, 806 orbits, (86% of orbits)

- Augmented Cycle 16 calibration program
  - Extended routine calibrations
  - Reviewed C16S programs for any special calibration needs

- Active monitoring of WF4 bias situation
  - Monitor temperature excursions
  - Bias levels remained acceptable up to SM4
ACS/SBC Operational Support

- ACS Team reviewed Cycle 16 Supplemental Programs
  - 3 programs, 128 orbits, (14% of orbits)
  - Bright Object Protection checks, with some help from COS/STIS team

- Augmented Cycle 16 calibration program
  - Extended routine calibrations
  - Reviewed C16S programs for any special calibration needs
NICMOS / NCS Support

- NICMOS Cooling System inoperative since it was shut off for a NSSC-1 flight software installation on September 8, 2008
- Several restart attempts in the fall of 2008 failed due to inability to restart circulator loop
  - Possible culprit: water ice
- Circulator loop successfully restarted in December 2008, but cooling loop shut down due to turboalternator speed violation
  - Culprit unknown (maybe transient electrical short)
- Briefing held in April, with decision to stand down during SM4
- Restart attempt in late June / early July
- Power may be an issue
  - Safe NICMOS for extended periods
SM4 Preparations

- STScI was prepared for SM4 and SMOV4 in September
- Additional time prior to SM4 was put to good use:
  - WFC3 and COS Pipeline verifications
  - WFC3 and COS Data Handbooks
  - ACS optimization campaign dry run
  - SMOV adjustments
  - SIMs, JISs, and other training
  - Cycle 17 preparations
Pipeline Verifications

- WFC3 and COS groups conducted extensive testing of calibration pipelines
  - Primary objective was to verify/improve scientific performance of pipeline
    - Wide use of Thermal Vac data, as well as test data sets
    - Verified pipelines on a step-by-step basis
  - Secondary objective was to catch and fix minor bugs
    - Automatic processing at STScI
    - Processing by GO/ARs at home
- Improvements were implemented in software changes and improved calibration files
  - DMS Build 2009.1 and 2009.2 prior to SM4
ACS Optimization Campaign

- Replacement CCD electronics for ACS includes programmable Teledyne ASIC
  - Allows and requires adjustment (reprogramming) on orbit
  - “Oscilloscope Mode” is used to obtain data for a range of voltages and timing settings
  - SMOV4 plan includes a multi-cycle, multi-day campaign to determine best settings
- End-to-end dry run exercised all components of the campaign
  - Data processing software, analysis software, people on distributed team, reporting paths, etc.
  - 4 Cycles were carried out in February-March
    - Minor issues with proposals/keywords fixed
    - Timing and analysis plans revised
Other SM4 Related Activities

- SI C&DH-R support
  - Provided SMS for ground system test of replacement unit

- SMOV4
  - All proposals were ready for 14 October launch
  - Some targets had to be changed to support mid-May launch
  - Calendar rebuilds
  - Preparations to schedule new instruments after SM4
  - Commanding updates (correct/improve/document)

- SM4 training
  - Participated in SIMs and JISs
  - Planned training/familiarization sessions for those directly supporting SM4, mostly instrument groups and management
  - Planned general staff training sessions

- STScI Delta Readiness Review held mid-April
General Work

- Exposure time calculator updates
- User support
- Multidrizzle updates (particularly for WFC3)
  - But also improvements in code / algorithms / formats
- Reference file generation
- etc....
Cycle 17 Preparations

- Cycle 17 calibration plans finalized
  - Concern about scheduling opportunities for internal calibrations was addressed with a test using DRM programs and representative internal calibrations
  - Some adjustments were made to WFC3 plans for internal calibrations
  - Phase II programs for Cycle 17 Calibration program are complete

- Instrument teams have been reviewing GO programs
  - Bright object checking
  - General review
Hubble Servicing Mission 4
(May 2009)

- Two new science instruments
  - Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3) and Cosmic Origins Spectrograph (COS)
- Replacement Science Instrument Control & Data Handling Unit
- Replacement of batteries (2 BMAs, 6 batteries)
- Replacement of gyros (3 RSUs, 6 gyros)
- Replacement of one of three Fine Guidance Sensors (FGS2R)
- Repair of the Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph (STIS)
- Repair of the Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS)
- New thermal blankets on equipment bays 5, 7, and 8
- Installation of the Soft Capture Mechanism (SCM)
SM4 EVA Manifest

EVA Times

- 07h20m
- 07h58m
- 06h36m
- 08h02m
- 07h02m

36h58m total
# SM4 Support Team

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STUC – June 2009
Servicing Mission Observatory Verification

- Joint STScI/Project Team for SMOV Planning and Implementation
  - SI teams, Power and Electrical Systems, Temperature Control Systems, Pointing and Attitude Control Systems, and ERO team representatives
    - SMOV Working Group Leads: Biagetti (STScI), Burley (GSFC)
  - Continual integrated plan refinement and resolution of issues
- STScI SMOV Team leads the post-SM4 operations
- Early Release Observations (EROs)
  - Joint STScI/Project/IDT/HQ team
  - Planned for late August / early September
Science and ERO Enabling Dates

- SM4 Launch on May 11, 2009
- SMOV starts on May 19, 2009
- Bright Earth Avoidance (BEA) period ends June 10 (21 days after release)

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**Science and ERO Enabling Dates**

STUC – June 2009
General SMOV Flow

- Pre-launch estimate of general SMOV timeline
  - Changing details as SMOV progresses
SMOV Progress

- Spacecraft and subsystems performing well
  - Pointing, guide star acquisitions, thermal, power
- BEA contamination requirement (<5% degradation at UV wavelengths) satisfied
- Outgassing continues slowly after rapid decline
  - COS pressure dropped quickly after release and is now at ~3 µTorr
- Detector activities have proceeded smoothly, with only minor exceptions
- Internal calibrations (flat-fields, biases, darks) are being examined for each instrument
- External focus and alignment checks have begun
FGS SMOV Status

- Guide star acquisitions with FGS1r and FGS3 have been successful → good alignment of FGSs and FHSTs
- Pointing and jitter are nominal (~2 mas)
- FGS1r has been re-enabled for astrometry
  - GO observations already being scheduled
- FGS2R2
  - FGS is performing well, and commissioning is on schedule
  - Observations to optimize S-curves are complete
WFC3 SMOV Status

- WFC3 outgassing, now past BEA requirement of 21 days
- Detectors have been cooled to operating temperatures
  - UVIS CCD: -83 C
  - IR: -128 C
  - Temperatures are stable and power use is nominal
  - UVIS anneal occurs this week
- Mechanism checkouts are in progress this week
  - Channel select mechanism (CSM) test
  - Lamp tests
- Internal calibrations and checkout continue this week
  - Detector functional tests (darks, flats, readnoise, backgrounds)
  - SAA passage test
- External calibrations begin this week
  - Initial alignment for both channels
COS SMOV Status

- COS continues to outgas,
  - Pressure is low enough (<10 µTorr) for HV ops
  - Pressure gauge to be disabled this week (adds noise to darks)
- Detector HVs are being ramped up slowly, deliberately in stages
  - So far, both detectors are working as expected
  - NUV dark background is several times lower than predicted
- Initial COS-FGS alignment check of NUV channel occurred 6/11
  - Alignment and coarse focus of channel look good
  - Additional NUV fine alignment and focus activities this week
- FUV internals (darks, flats, wavecals) at nominal HV voltage begin this week
STIS SMOV Status

- CCD channel is fully operational
  - Readout through Amp B (mostly for cals) has high offset (serial DT issue)
  - Other amps are nominal, with pre-failure performance
  - Functional tests (darks, biases, flats) demonstrate expected performance
  - Spectroscopic throughput tests occur this week
  - GO science will resume soon

- STIS-FGS alignment and focus check occurred 6/5
  - External CCD observation of astrometric standard
  - Both were found to be very close to pre-failure values
  - No alignment or focus corrections needed

- MAMA HVs are being ramped up slowly, deliberately in stages
  - Nominal performance so far
  - FUV recovery complete,
  - NUV recovery to be completed this week

- MAMA optical format, image quality, and spectroscopic throughput checks occur this week
ACS SMOV Status

- SBC operations are nominal
  - GO science and calibrations have resumed
  - SBC UV contamination monitor demonstrated minimal contamination of OTA optics

- WFC CCD optimization campaign has completed
  - Only minor changes to parameters (voltages, clocking, etc)
  - Optimization deliberately terminated early
  - External cross-talk and CTE measures obtained last weekend

- WFC activities this week
  - Functional test (more comprehensive test than during SM4)
  - Image quality and PSF checks
  - Flat field stability tests
  - Bias and dark monitors
Observatory Focus Strategy

- Telescopes group is determining the most accurate ACS/WFC to PC focus offset from archival measurements
- Make best estimates of OTA focus based on fits to pre-SMOV data as well as SMOV measurements
  - Express with respect to WFC focus
- Determine best focus for each instrument (WFC3, COS)
  - Use OTA/WFC information to facilitate cross-instrument confocality
- Determine the amount and timing of a secondary mirror move, if necessary
  - Move should occur before WFC3 ERS and GO science
## Remaining Cycle 15/16 Observations

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357 visits/421 orbits are currently planned in the operational LRP

Notes:
1. Converted WFPC2/NIC programs
2. Includes 3 visits/9 orbits Cycle 15 ACS/HRC
3. Awaiting PI decision on conversions
## Current Cycle 17 Statistics

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### Notes:
- Some SIs have more than one instrument prime
- Not included:
  - Currently unschedulable: 185 orbits
  - Schedulable, no plan windows: 145 orbits
  - No plan windows (TOO, etc): 355 orbits
Cycle 17 Long Range Plan

- Plan is still a work in progress
- Current tail includes ~800 orbits, lasts six months; working to add more (50-100 orbits) into cycle
- Takes into account 1.5 orbits a day of “unplanned” programs (ToOs, HOPR repeats, DD, etc.)
- Plan windows will be released after FGS2R rework (mid-July)
Backup Slides
1 micron @ Secondary induces rms wavefront error of ~1/83 wave (V-band)
Secondary Mirror adjustments have been made to maintain within ~5 microns or 1/16 wave.
Secondary Mirror location giving best WFPC2/PC focus defined as zero microns. STIS & ACS were set to be as close to confocal as practical (< 1.5 microns)
Goal was to enter SMOV with existing SIs very near best focus. Delay has resulted in focus going moderately negative.
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**Notes:**  
\(^1\) Split w/ another instrument  
\(^2\) Transitioning to JWST
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