

Suzaku Operation and calibration status

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1. Operation



Spacecraft status

• Orbit

- Perigee > 530km; 3more years till it reaches < 500km
- Longest lifetime among 5 Japanese X-ray astronomy satellites at 500 km LEO !
- Attitude control system
 - Four gyros out of five are healthy. One is noisy, but usable
- Power system
 - A rapid degradation of -200W/year was observed in 2011-2012, but it returned steady degradation of -30W/year now. Reduction of power generation was mitigated by reducing power consumption by e.g. stopping cryocooler technical demonstration.
 - Degradation in one side of battery is being mitigated by heater operation. (2014)





Operation 2014

- 9 Jan 18:39:19 UVC (XIS,HXD shutdown) & Safehold
- 11 Jan 20:02:00 3 axis control
- 11 Jan 21:37:00 MNV to N132D
- 13 Jan 16:09:07 XIS recovered
- 17 Jan 01:38:56 UVC (XIS,HXD shutdown) & Safehold
 - 12-18 Jan BAT-B Temp. out-of-control (many UVC)
 - 22 Jan BAT-B Temp. stabilized
 - 24 Jan Last UVC was occurred
- 29 Jan 11:59:00 XIS recovered
- 31 Jan 08:00:00 3-axis att. Control (Obs. restarted)
- 16 Feb 00:00:00 HXD recovered
- 18 Feb 23:23:06 HXD fully recovered
 - 19-22 Feb (Suzaku MAXI conference)
- 15 Apr 23:27:00 HXD off to save the power
- 22 Apr 19:31:00 HXD on
- 24 Apr 18:49:00 HXD off to save the power
- 28 Apr 02:37:00 HXD on
- 12 May 10:50 HXD off *(This morning!)*

Power consumption (Feb 2014)



We continue observations of AO-9 targets.



2. HXD



normalized counts s⁻¹ keV⁻¹

ratio

HXD calibration Status





HXD Timing problem



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- Fixing now:
 - ✓ We have identified that the issue comes from the error in assignment of time by the ground system at the operation center (USC).
 - ✓ On 1 March 2014, the ground system has been replaced (fixed), but we still have a issue. (confirmed by latest Crab calibration in March 2014) → Still working on this.
 Please come and check Koyama's talk at the Timing session



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- Variable Non X-ray background
 - \rightarrow Semi empirical modeling [Fukazawa et al 2009 PASJ]
 - \rightarrow Systematic errors for estimations are 3% (PIN) and 1% (GSO).
- After 2012 Aug, systematic error of 'LCFITDT' model for PIN is slightly increased (up to 3-4%) in lower energy band (below 20 keV) due to one coefficient by the attitude.
 (No problem for above 20 keV & Still valid before 2012 July.)
- The HXD team plan to release a new version of NXB model (v2.2), valid after 2012 July, soon.





3. XIS

 \rightarrow Eric-san's presentation from the XIS team.