
Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Observer's Log

Wed Sep 30 17:02:32 GMT 1998

Year: 98 Doy: 273 Observer: koon

WEATHER COMMENT: Wed Sep 30 17:02:34 GMT 1998 Clear sky, wind=5 mph from the South, temp=50 F. **MKIII PROBLEM**: Wed Sep 30 17:03:13 GMT 1998

VCP screen didn't turn on as it should have, rebooted the KCC to fix.

Wed Sep 30 17:05:40 GMT 1998 CHIP Startup--Initializing new tape
Wed Sep 30 17:10:22 GMT 1998 MKIII Start Patrol

Wed Sep 30 17:10:45 GMT 1998 PICS Start Patrol Wed Sep 30 17:10:45 GMT 1998 PICS Start Patrol

Wed Sep 30 18:01:55 GMT 1998 CHIP Bias Wed Sep 30 18:02:35 GMT 1998 PICS Flat Wed Sep 30 18:02:55 GMT 1998 CHIP End Bias Wed Sep 30 18:03:07 GMT 1998 CHIP Water Wed Sep 30 18:03:50 GMT 1998 CHIP End Water Wed Sep 30 18:03:50 GMT 1998 CHIP End Water

CHIP PROBLEM: Wed Sep 30 18:41:51 GMT 1998

Animation sequence images from yesterday and this morning look strange. CHIP Filter Temp was 35.381 at 1830 and is 35.281 right now, will monitor for oscillation. All connections to the controller on the spar look good, and the cooling unit is functioning properly.

Wed Sep 30 19:01:58 GMT 1998 CHIP Bias Wed Sep 30 19:02:39 GMT 1998 Flat PICS Wed Sep 30 19:03:01 GMT 1998 CHIP End Bias Wed Sep 30 19:03:15 GMT 1998 CHIP Water Wed Sep 30 19:04:12 GMT 1998 End Flat PICS Wed Sep 30 19:04:00 GMT 1998 CHIP End Water

PSPT PROBLEM: Wed Sep 30 19:21:30 GMT 1998

The mirror is oscillating again. I pulled off the side cover earlier to look at the optics when there was no oscillation, it looks the same now. Light beams aren't centered on the quad-cell lens or the beam splitter or the baffle tube leading into the secondary optics package, but I think they are close enough for everything to work as designed. The light spill on the side of the baffle looks like a secondary reflection from the SOP to the beam-splitter and then back towards the SOP but hitting the baffle, so it probably isn't a problem. I noticed that the entire instrument is shuddering slightly for 2-4 cycles every now and then, the period between the shudder sequences may be matching the period between the mirror oscillations as seen when the meter needles swing back and forth.

Wed Sep 30 20:01:51 GMT 1998 CHIP Gain
Wed Sep 30 20:02:43 GMT 1998 PICS Flat
Wed Sep 30 20:04:09 GMT 1998 PICS End Flat
Wed Sep 30 20:06:30 GMT 1998 CHIP End Gain
Wed Sep 30 20:06:41 GMT 1998 CHIP Bias

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Wed Sep 30 20:07:35 GMT 1998
                                CHIP
                                         End Bias
Wed Sep 30 20:07:48 GMT 1998
                                CHIP
                                         Water
Wed Sep 30 20:08:25 GMT 1998
                                CHIP
                                         End Water
**PSPT PROBLEM**: Wed Sep 30 20:14:03 GMT 1998
It looks like the shudder only happens when the mirror servo loop is active,
when the green led is on. I blocked the light to the guad cell and the
shudders eventually stopped, but the telescope lost guiding and I had to
exit and do a Restart.
Wed Sep 30 21:02:38 GMT 1998
                                         Flat
                                PICS
Wed Sep 30 21:02:55 GMT 1998
                                CHIP
                                         Bias
Wed Sep 30 21:03:56 GMT 1998
                                CHIP
                                         End Bias
Wed Sep 30 21:03:56 GMT 1998
                                         End Bias
                                CHIP
Wed Sep 30 21:04:09 GMT 1998
                                CHIP
                                         Water
Wed Sep 30 21:04:52 GMT 1998
                                CHIP
                                         End Water
**CHIP PROBLEM**: Wed Sep 30 21:19:27 GMT 1998
Filter temp is still out of range on the high side. Right now the temp is
35.122 and the DC ouput from the controller on the spar varies between
7 to 9 vdc. At 1830 temp was 35.381, at 1840 = 35.284, at 1900 = 35.263,
at 1930 = 35.242, at 1955 = 35.190, at 2020 = 35.172, at 2044 = 35.126,
and at 2115 = 35.122
I've been working on the PSPT all day so I haven't been able to check out
this problem any further.
Wed Sep 30 22:02:39 GMT 1998
                                PICS
                                         Flat
Wed Sep 30 22:03:00 GMT 1998
                                         Bias
                                CHIP
Wed Sep 30 22:04:05 GMT 1998
                                         End Flat
                                PICS
Wed Sep 30 22:04:05 GMT 1998
                                         End Bias
                                CHIP
Wed Sep 30 22:04:19 GMT 1998
                                CHIP
                                         Water
Wed Sep 30 22:05:06 GMT 1998
                                CHIP
                                         End Water
**PSPT PROBLEM**: Wed Sep 30 22:08:07 GMT 1998
Since it looks like the mirror oscillation problem is just a symptom of
a telescope drive problem I opened the RA drive trans case and adjusted the
meshing of the gears. I thought if the gears were binding or too loosely
meshed there could be drive oscillation problems. The oscillation problem
still exists, but with the trans open I can see that the motor is driving
the gears back and forth.
T 1998 CHIP
                 CHIP End Patrol
Wed Sep 30 22:53:39 GMT 1998
                                PICS
                                         End Patrol
**PSPT PROBLEM**: Wed Sep 30 23:02:57 GMT 1998
I talked to Haosheng, the mirror driver board is still being suspected of
causing the mirror to drive too far. I will change the software gain,
decreasing it by a factor of two, we'll see what happens after this.
Wed Sep 30 23:05:44 GMT 1998
                               CHIP
                                         ending tape
**PSPT PROBLEM**: Wed Sep 30 23:10:05 GMT 1998
OK, I changed the software mirror gain values from -20 to -10 in
pspt sys.h
COMMENT: Wed Sep 30 23:26:13 GMT 1998
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PICS: P01308
CHIP: C00705
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LOWL: L00545 in drive #1

Wed Sep 30 23:27:32 GMT 1998 MkIII