
Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Observer's Log

Mon Oct 14 16:47:26 GMT 2013

Year: 13 Doy: 287

Observer: berkey

WEATHER COMMENT: berkey: Mon Oct 14 16:47:36 GMT 2013

temp 36f, wind 5 mph from SW, patchy cirrus with thicker clouds banks stacked up to the south east Last nights thunderstorm on the east slopes of manua loa seemed to bring some ice to the road

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Mon Oct 14 16:57:24 GMT 2013: PSPT Start Patrol

KCOR COMMENT BY mlso: Mon Oct 14 17:04:53 GMT 2013

For some reason setting the exposure time to 500ms in the kcor free running code causes labview to instantly exit. Unlike a normal labview crash there is no error message or any other feedback propagated to the user, the labview gui's just instantly disappear.

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KCOR COMMENT BY mlso: Mon Oct 14 17:20:19 GMT 2013

I noticed the trigger delay is back to 0 ms for both cameras. I believe this must have got reset with the power outage on kcor a last week (or the week before)

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Mon Oct 14 18:27:51 GMT 2013: PSPT Start Patrol

GENERAL OBSERVATORY COMMENT BY mlso: Mon Oct 14 19:58:07 GMT 2013

Doing guider engineering this morning. Cirrus is starting to thin, hopefully we can get some science a bit later.

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KCOR COMMENT BY mlso: Mon Oct 14 21:40:31 GMT 2013

Changed the default triggers to 2.0ms

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Mon Oct 14 23:14:22 GMT 2013: PSPT Abort Patrol

Mon Oct 14 23:14:26 GMT 2013: PSPT Abort Patrol

GENERAL OBSERVATORY COMMENT BY mlso: Mon Oct 14 23:20:33 GMT 2013

Domes are closed

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KCOR COMMENT BY mlso: Tue Oct 15 02:29:30 GMT 2013

One more day with no science data ;(

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KCOR COMMENT BY mlso: Tue Oct 15 02:29:42 GMT 2013

Added a guider zero point offset feature to SGS.

This adds two (ra and dec) floating point controls to the engineering GUI. This control is and will be limited to small value currently +/-0.1 but with some more testing I think we can tighten this down by at least a factor of 10.

Every time the PID loop is triggered this guider zero offset is summed with the "observing" setpoint and sent to the PID loop.

The guider zeropoint is also subtracted from the input Quad Cell Voltage values for everything except the PID loop. This means the Save form GUI's server output and pointing error estimates are based on this offset location, while the PID sees all the "raw" values. From what I can tell under crummy skys this seems to work pretty well.

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The SGS server output also pushes this guider setpoint value after the LOOP closed fraction value.

I have also changed K-cor observing code to consume these two values and produce two new fits header keywords: SGSSRAZR and SGSSDECZR. Testing seems to suggest that these values don't currently get written into the fits file properly. And are a

lways zero. This should be ok for the next day or two as the default values for the guider zero point are 0 in the SGS code anyway.
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