



# Aqua MODIS Cold FPA Performance and Operation

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### Introduction



- Aqua MODIS Cold Focal Plane Temperature Control
  - Known issue with insufficient radiative cooler margin
- Prior meetings to brief status, impacts, calibration improvements, and mitigation options
  - $\succ$  1<sup>st</sup> meeting on May 7, 2010
  - ➢ 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on April 25, 2012
  - ➢ 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on March 17, 2013
  - ➢ 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on April, 16, 2014
  - ➢ 5<sup>th</sup> meeting on April, 22, 2015
- Monitor impacts on science products
  - Orbital variation in TEB detector gain (PC bands more sensitive)
  - Fitting residuals from BB WUCD during a0/a2 derivation
  - ▶ EV Saturation in bands 33, 35, and 36 EV data during WUCD

#### • Improve calibration algorithms

- Improved default b1 algorithm implemented in Collections 5 and 6
- $\blacktriangleright$  Temperature correction to a0/a2 analysis implemented in Collection 6







- CFPA temperature peak during summer months with maximum ~83.7 K in mid-2013.
- Peak temperature has decreased since 2013
- CFPA orbital/seasonal oscillation current max/min difference ~0.3 K
- Radiative cooler margin still not sufficient for CFPA setpoint of 83 K.
- Majority of impacts on L1B products occur during BB Warmup/Cooldown activities



### **BB** Temp Trends







### Warm FPA Temperatures





Year

### **Cold FPA Temperatures**







## Aqua CFPA Temperature Oscillations Long-term Trend







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## Aqua CFPA Temperature Oscillations Short-term (DOY 100) Trend





Granule average



## Aqua CFPA Temperature Oscillations Short-term (DOY 100) Trend



2011

2013



Granule average



### Heater Voltage Duty Cycle Trend







### **Observed Impacts**



- Gain variation with CFPA temperature
  - Linear relationship between gain and CFPA Temp
  - PC bands show largest effect
  - Captured by scan-by-scan calibration





### **Observed Impacts**



- BB Warmup-Cooldown Activities
  - > Larger fitting residuals for (a0 = 0 for PC bands)
    - Temperature correction for a0/aa2 derivation 2 analysis implemented in C6
  - ▶ Bands 33, 35 & 36 EV data saturation
    - ✤ Instances of EV saturation

Cumulative saturation time during WUCD (unit: minute)

Band	33	35	36
WUCD TBB>Tsat time	365	330	265
2004/203	0	0	0
2009/123	16	6	10
2013/174	209	145	122
2015/116	148	117	109
2016/087	45	88	102

FPA temperature dependent default b1 algorithm implemented for C5/C6



## **Mitigation Options**



#### Options under consideration to address Aqua CFPA temperature issue

- 1. No change
  - Continue operations in current configuration

#### 2. Change CFPA set point to 85K

Detector response, noise performance and dynamic range will change

#### 3. Perform Outgas

- Requires NASA HQ approval
- If Aqua-MODIS goes into safe-mode for some reasons, MCST/IOT has the authorization to perform an outgas
- 4. Reduce frequency of WUCD activities
  - Reduce instances of EV saturation during WUCD, may affect a2 accuracy
- 5. Upload modified DCR table for bands 33, 35 & 36
  - Eliminate EV saturation during WUCD, may impact dynamic range



### Summary



#### Aqua MODIS continues to operate nominally

- Decrease in radiative cooler margin since ~2007. CFPA temperature not consistently controlled at set point of 83 K and has orbital and seasonal variations
- Maximum SMIR temperature reached in mid-2013, temperature control has improved since then
- Scan-by-scan calibration captures much of the impact of the CFPA variation
- Improved default b1 algorithm implemented in Collections 5 and 6
- Temperature correction to the a0/a2 analysis implemented in Collection 6
- ▶ EV saturation for bands 33, 35 & 36 during WUCD.

#### • Changes since last workshop April 22, 2015

- ▶ Increase of radiative cooler margin. Duty cycle increased from approximately 0.35 to 0.45.
- Improvement of temperature control, maximum SMIR temperature reduces from 83.25K to 83.20K
- Reduction of EV saturation instance during WUCD.

#### • MCST work plan

- MCST continues monitoring of CFPA performance and impacts. No reports received of adverse impacts on science products.
- > MCST Recommendation: Option 1 No change in operation status





## **Backup Slides**





- S/C needs to be in "nominal mode" for this activity
- Ensure that CFPA heater B is in the ON state
- Send the following commands:

SET\_RC\_CFPA\_TEMP TO 1/2/3

MOD\_SET\_PM\_RC\_CFPA\_TEMP('T2')

- Monitor telemetry to ensure that the CFPA temperature adjusts accordingly (real time until it stabilizes)
- Advantages:
  - Gain stably controlled
  - EV saturation during WUCD decreased
  - Increase in dynamic range for some TEB
- Concerns:
  - Majority of pre-launch LUT tables based on 83 K set point
  - DCR table for 85 K
  - Decreased radiometric resolution for some TEB
  - Increased detector noise



#### Option 3 - Outgas



- An outgas without an anomaly requires transitioning MODIS from science mode to standby mode and then to outgas mode
  - Doors are closed, except SV door is moved to outgas position
  - This operation/action may require approval from HQ
- An outgas requires a set of commands and takes 2-3 days to complete (heaters are turned on in specific sequence)
  - CFPA will be back to ambient temperature during outgas operation
- Potential impact on SWIR (band 6 in particular) detector operability
- IOT prepared for and has approval to perform an outgas in the event of spacecraft anomaly resulting in a safe mode transition.



Option 5 – Modify DCR Table



- CFPA setpoint remains at 83 K
- DCR table for bands 33, 35 & 36 modified and uploaded
- Expected to reduce EV saturation during WUCD
- Can be performed by IOT as a regular table upload to MODIS.