## Test Readiness Review



**BAFFLING BUFFS** 

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## Overview

## Project Motivation

- Star trackers need to **see dim light** from distant stars
- They compare what they see with on board star catalog to make spacecraft attitude adjustments
- Nearby bodies emit/reflect stray light which hinders star trackers ability to see dim light
- Baffles attenuate and eliminate stray light from nearby bodies
- Lightweight deployable baffle for smallsats

## Project Goals

•Develop a prototype deployable baffle for a star tracker to be used on a small satellite platform

•Design and manufacture a deployable baffle to limit stray light into an optical sensor

•Develop a test methodology and instrumentation suite to measure performance of the baffle for stray light elimination

•**Perform the tests** for the deployment and stray light elimination of the baffle

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## Requirements & Levels of Success

<b>Functional Requirements</b>	Tier 1	Tier 2
FR1: Baffle shall be deployable	Manual deployment	Electronic deployment with wired connection
FR2: Baffle shall conform to stowed volume constraint	175 mm x 175 mm x 50 mm	125 mm x 125 mm x 50 mm
FR3: Baffle shall adhere to mass constraint	< 500 grams	< 300 grams
FR4: Baffle shall attenuate light to 99.9%	At 40° light incidence angle	At 30° light incidence angle



## Deployment CONOPS



## Light Attenuation CONOPS



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## Baseline Design: CDR vs. Now



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## Test Readiness Overview

- Light Attenuation & Symmetry Tests
- Deployment Testing

## Test Readiness

Light Attenuation & Symmetry Tests

## Light Attenuation Overview

• Will be testing light attenuation with respect to pointing angle

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- Two different tests:
  - Symmetric
  - Asymmetric



## Light Attenuation Test

Light Source Will validate light attenuation Top Down View requirements! 4.9 m θ **0**<sup>0</sup> 90° **Rotary Table** θ Schedule **Test Readiness** Budget Overview

## Requirements To Be Validated

- Light attenuation testing will verify both of these requirements
- Will be testing baffle symmetry and asymmetry

Requirement	Relative Incident Power (P/P <sub>0</sub> )	Angle (Degrees)
Pass-Band (DR4.3)	> 95%	10°
Stop-Band (DR4.2)	< 0.1%	30°

# Zemax Validation – **Symmetric** Model Expected Results



## Zemax Validation – **Asymmetric** Model Expected Results



	Steep Side	Shallow Side
Pre-Obscuration Angle	8.8°	10.9°
Obscuration Angle	19.7°	22.3°

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Light Attenuation Test Fixtures

### Light Attenuation Test Fixtures – Exploded View



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## Light Attenuation Test Fixtures – Exploded View



### Calibration Method – Position



## Calibration Method – Orientation



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## Calibration Test Tolerances

Part	Tolerance	Requirements	
Rope (Distance)	±200mm changes FOV by <0.01°	Apparent sun diameter = 0.5° Error: <2%	7
Laser (Orientation)	±20mm + Manufacturing Error Changes Results Angle by	Pre-obscuration Margin: 1.1°	7
	0.40°	Obscuration Margin: 9.3°	

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## Light Attenuation & Symmetry Tests

#### **Equipment and Needed Facilities**

- CNL cleanroom
- Photodiode handling items
- Laser Safety Glasses

Risk

- Delicate photodiode routinely cleaned.
- ESD safe environment
- Ground all electronics

## Light Attenuation Test Concerns

Risk	Mitigation
Alignment of sensor & light source	Calibration plate
Static electricity	Grounded electrical components
Eye damage from laser pointers	Laser safety glasses for calibration
Photodiode contamination	<ul> <li>Paint mask &amp; powder free nitrile gloves</li> <li>Clean photodiode with 99% isopropyl alcohol and ESD swabs</li> <li>Clean both sides of the filter</li> <li>Handle photodiode with plastic antistatic tweezers</li> <li>When not in use, store the photodiode in an ESD bag and a second ESD bag with desiccant</li> <li>Will only handle photodiode in clean room</li> </ul>

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## Light Attenuation Test Procedure

- Take P<sub>0</sub> measurement at 0°
- Take power (P) measurements every 4°
- Between 8°-12°, and 28°-32°, measurements will be taken every 0.1°
- Calculate light attenuation using relative power measurement P/P<sub>0</sub>

*Full test procedures available upon request* 

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**Deployment Testing** 

## Deployment Testing Overview

• Will be testing deployment with respect to the minimum and maximum allowable deployment heights



## Deployment Testing Overview

### • Objective:

- To ensure baffle can transition from a stowed to a deployed state within the expected range
- How It Reduces Risk:
  - Optical performance will not be compromised if baffle deploys within acceptable height

- Associated Model & Circuit Validation:
  - Kill switch circuit (validated)
- Key Data:
  - Average height of fully deployed baffle
  - Expect: 87 mm ± 1 mm
- Requirement:
  - FR1: Baffle shall be deployable

## Deployment Testing



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## Deployment Test Procedure

- Ensure bottom of laser pointer is at acceptable minimum deployment height
- Turn on laser pointer to start deployment
- When fully deployed, laser light to phototransistor will be impeded causing voltage to motor to stop ending deployment
- Repeat for maximum acceptable deployment height
- Location:
  - Bobby's Lab

## Testing Status

Test	Status:	Awaiting:
Light Attenuation Test (Symmetrical)	Not completed	<ul><li> 1 3D baffle negative</li><li> Baffle</li><li> Baseplate</li></ul>
Light Attenuation Test (Asymmetrical)	Not completed	<ul><li> 2 3D baffle negatives</li><li> Baffle</li><li> Baseplate</li></ul>
Deployment Test	Not completed	<ul> <li>Baffle</li> <li>Baseplate</li> <li>Laser pointer support</li> <li>PCB</li> <li>PCB support</li> </ul>

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## Backup Slides

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- Zemax
  - <u>Final Model Specs</u>
  - Asymmetric Model Specs
  - Parallel Ray Model
    - <u>Specs</u>
    - <u>Results</u>
  - Mesh Refinement Study
    - <u>Specs</u>
    - <u>Results</u>
    - <u>Analysis</u>
  - <u>4 Photodiodes Specs</u>
- Baffle Negative CAD

## Breakdown

•Electronics

•Includes PC board, resistors, batteries and other small components

•Testing Equipment

•Includes lasers, light bulbs, diffuser disk, and test setup material

•Optics

•Includes filter, primary photodiode, and backup photodiodes

Stock Metal

•Includes Aluminum 2024-T4

•Baffle Add-Ons

•Includes thread tap, bearing, shaft, motor, and gear

•Safety/Handling

•Includes alcohol cleaner, ESD safe tweezers, gloves, dust mask, and static control bag

•Other

•Includes epoxy, adhesive, printing, Aeroglaze coating and shipping costs

•Future Costs Estimate

•Vanes (\$150), Coating application (\$200), Felt (\$250)

## **Financial Summary**

All items (except 1) are currently in the locker
 Felt for the light attenuation test needs to be purchased

•Future cost include:

•Re-ordering items/stock material if necessary

•Outsourcing vanes

•\$150

Will get back this week
Application of coating on baffle
2-3 days

### Light Attenuation Test - Calibration Plate



## Light Attenuation Test Fixtures- Exploded View



## Light Attenuation Test Fixtures





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## Light Attenuation Test Fixtures



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier shift–Primary Degree of Freedom



- 'Shallow Side's' effective FOV remains the same.
- 'Steep Side's' new field of view is 'designed' – 'perturbed angle'

### 'Shallow Side' 'Steep side'

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## Specification – Final Model

- Baffle Model: Fully deployed with vanes and coating
- Resolution: 0.1°
- Angle Sweep: ( $0^{\circ}$  to  $30^{\circ}$ )
- Number of rays from light source:
  - 200,000,000 rays



## Specification - Asymmetric Test

- Baffle Model: Maximum middle tier offset fully deployed with vanes and coating
- Resolution: 0.1°
- Angle Sweep: (0° to 30°)
- Number of rays from light source:
  - 10,000,000 rays



## Specifications – Parallel Rays



- Baffle Model: Symmetric fully deployed with vanes and coating
- Resolution: 0.1°
- Angle Sweep: ( $0^{\circ}$  to  $12.4^{\circ}$ )
- Distance: 15 m
- Number of rays from light source:
  - 200,000,000 rays

Results – Parallel Rays



	15m	4.88m
Pre-Obscuration Angle	11.4°	11.1°
Obscuration Angle	N/A	20.7°



## Specifications - Mesh Independence

- Baffle Model: Symmetric fully deployed with vanes and coating
- Resolution: 0.1°
- Angle Sweep: (0° to 30°)
- Distance: 4.88 m
- Number of rays from light source:
  - 10,000,000 rays
  - 100,000,000 rays
  - 200,000,000 rays



### **Results-Mesh Independence**



## Analysis-Mesh Independence

	Requirement	10,000,000 Rays	100,000,000 Rays	200,000,000 Rays (Truth)
Pre-Obscuration	>10°	11.5°	10.9°	11.1°
Obscuration	<30°	21.1°	20.7°	20.7°

$$Percent Error = \frac{|Experimental - Truth|}{Truth} \ge 100$$

	10,000,000 Rays	100,000,000 Rays
Pre-Obscuration Error	3.6%	1.8%
<b>Obscuration Error</b>	1.9%	0

## Specification – 4 Photodiodes

- Baffle Model: Maximum middle tier offset fully deployed with vanes and coating
- Resolution: 0.1°
- Angle Sweep: (0° to 30°)
- Number of Detectors: 4
- Number of rays from light source:
  - 10,000,000 rays
- Not Completed as of (03/06/17)



### MOLD A – horizontal orientation, symmetrical lineup (metric units)



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### MOLD A – horizontal orientation, symmetrical lineup (English units)



#### MOLD B – horizontal orientation, asymmetrical lineup (metric units)



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#### MOLD B – horizontal orientation, symmetrical lineup (English units)



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#### MOLD C – vertical orientation, symmetrical lineup (metric units)



#### MOLD C – vertical orientation, symmetrical lineup (English units)



#### MOLD D – vertical orientation, asymmetrical lineup (metric units)



#### MOLD C – vertical orientation, asymmetrical lineup (English units)



### Electronic Circuits – Breadboard Testing

#### Motor Deployment Circuit/Kill Switch

- <u>STATUS</u>: Verified via breadboard test
- PLAN: Order PCB and solder components
- <u>COMPLETION</u>: March 14



- <u>ADDITIONAL INFO</u>: Phototransistor is only sensitive to high intensity green light (530 nm)
  - Dark room not required for deployment testing
  - Personnel safety hazards reduced due to well lit testing area

## **Electronic Circuits – Breadboard Testing**

#### Sensor and Amplifier Circuit

- <u>STATUS:</u> Breadboard testing in progress (March 6)
- <u>PLAN</u>: Complete testing, order PCB, and solder components



- <u>COMPLETION</u>: March 14
- <u>ADDITIONAL INFO</u>: Breadboard testing delayed due to the need for cleanroom controls for safe handling of component
  - Colorado Nanofabrication Laboratory granted free access
  - Photodiode soldering will also be performed at this site
  - Light attenuation testing will also be performed at this site

## **Cleanroom Controls**



- Granted free access to Colorado Nanofabrication Laboratory cleanroom facility
  - Typically \$58/hour
- Class 1000 cleanroom Fewer particles than normal ambient air by a factor of 1000
  - Cleaner than a Class 10,000 cleanroom
- Considered necessary for safe handling of Hamamatsu photodiode
- Additional equipment required
  - Blue coat and booties
- Night access granted to facilitate clean Light Attenuation testing
  - Eliminates need to hermetically seal the filter/photodiode assembly on the baffle baseplate

### Sensor and Amplifier Circuit – Noise Reduction

- Twisted, shielded wire pair for photodiode leads
  - Ground shield to reduce noise



- Faraday Cage Metal enclosure for circuit
  - Grounded via GND pin on DAQ to reduce noise
  - Salvaged from Electronics Lab



## **Orientation Verification**

