

STEREO MOC Status Report
Time Period: 2017:023 - 2017:029

STEREO Ahead (STA) Status:

1. The following Ground System anomalies/events occurred during this reporting period:

- On day 024, during the DSS-14 support, the MOC connection to the DSN was lost at 2206z due to a DSN firewall issue. Connectivity was restored at 2238z. This anomaly resulted in the loss of 32 minutes of commanding, real-time telemetry and monitor data. All SSR data was recovered. See DR# N110516 for more information.
- On day 028, during the DSS-14 support, the uplink was delayed 12 minutes due to a transmitter low output power issue. The transmitter was recalibrated for 20 kW and the uplink was reswept at 2034z. This anomaly resulted in the loss of 12 minutes of commanding and two-way tracking data and 2445 frames of SSR and real-time data. See DR# G117802 for more information.

2. The following spacecraft/instrument events occurred during this week. The Ahead observatory operated nominally during this week.

- The average daily science data return for Ahead was 5.3 Gbits during this week.

STEREO Behind (STB) Status:

1. Detailed status of the recovery activities this week to restore operations is listed below.

- None.

2. The Behind loss of communication anomaly occurred on October 1, 2014. Post superior solar conjunction, recovery operations resumed on November 30, 2015. By implementing the NASA Failure Review Board recommendations, the first recovery attempt began with carrier detection by the DSN on August 21st, through September 23, 2016. At a spacecraft range of ~2 AU, the observatory was found to be rotating slowly about its principal axis of inertia for which the uncontrolled attitude

allowed some solar array input and continuous uplink and downlink communications on the LGA at emergency data rates. Over the next 22 continuous days, significant obstacles to recovery were overcome with a collaborative effort of the JHU/APL engineering team, NASA GSFC, DSN, FDF, SSMO scheduling, and Mission Operations teams. This consisted of:

- Reliably commanding a rotating spacecraft with uncontrolled attitude at a distance of 2 AU
- How to power on the spacecraft that was never designed to be off without collapsing the battery voltage
- Acquiring telemetry at 35 bps from a spacecraft that is rotating with an uncontrolled attitude
- Warming a frozen propulsion subsystem with a degraded battery and limited solar array input with an uncontrolled attitude
- Configuring, loading, and verifying EA, C&DH, and G&C parameters and macros with very limited telemetry
- Conducting an autonomous momentum dump in the blind and transitioning to C&DH standby mode and successfully receiving telemetry on the HGA indicating star tracker lock and decreasing system momentum.

However, system momentum level remained above the threshold for re-establishing attitude control with the reaction wheels. Due to the uncontrolled attitude, communication degraded and the last detection of the carrier was on September 23rd.

Behind Observatory Status - From the last telemetry received on September 18th, main bus voltage is low, 2 out of 11 battery cells are currently not functioning, attitude remains uncontrolled, rotating at a ~45 second period about its principal axis of inertia. While propellant is suspected to be frozen, last telemetry indicated both propulsion tank latch valves are open and pressure transducer #2 is not functioning. EA mode is enabled. The battery charge rate is C/10. Necessary macro sequences have been tested to allow the peak power tracker in C&DH standby mode to protect the battery. These macro sequences will be loaded to EEPROM when the communications supports longer commands.

Monthly recovery efforts consist of attempting to power on the transmitter for 30 minutes. If no carrier signal is detected, battery recovery operations will commence which consist of repeatedly sweeping a 3 kHz uplink range and sending commands for IEM switched power and PDU 1553 interface bus off. The

next recovery tracks are on February 17th, 18th, and 19th. A subsystem telemetry assessment review of the limited telemetry received during the 1st Behind recovery attempt will be held on February 24th.