



# **On-Orbit Verification of the *Hubble Space Telescope* Advanced Camera for Surveys Repair**

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# In Memoriam



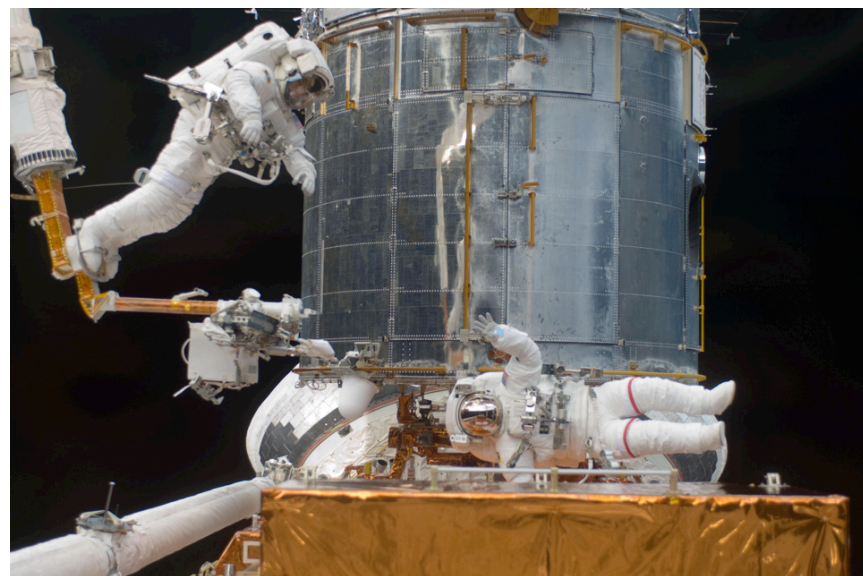
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# HST Servicing Mission 4



- STS-125: NASA's 5th servicing mission to HST (11-24 May 2009)
- 2 new instruments (WFC3, COS)
- 2 repaired instruments (ACS, STIS)
- Many other components replaced (SIC&DH, gyros, batteries, etc.)
- ACS-R hardware successfully installed on 16 May 2009 during EVA-3
- WFC and SBC passed Aliveness and Functional Tests; HRC not recovered



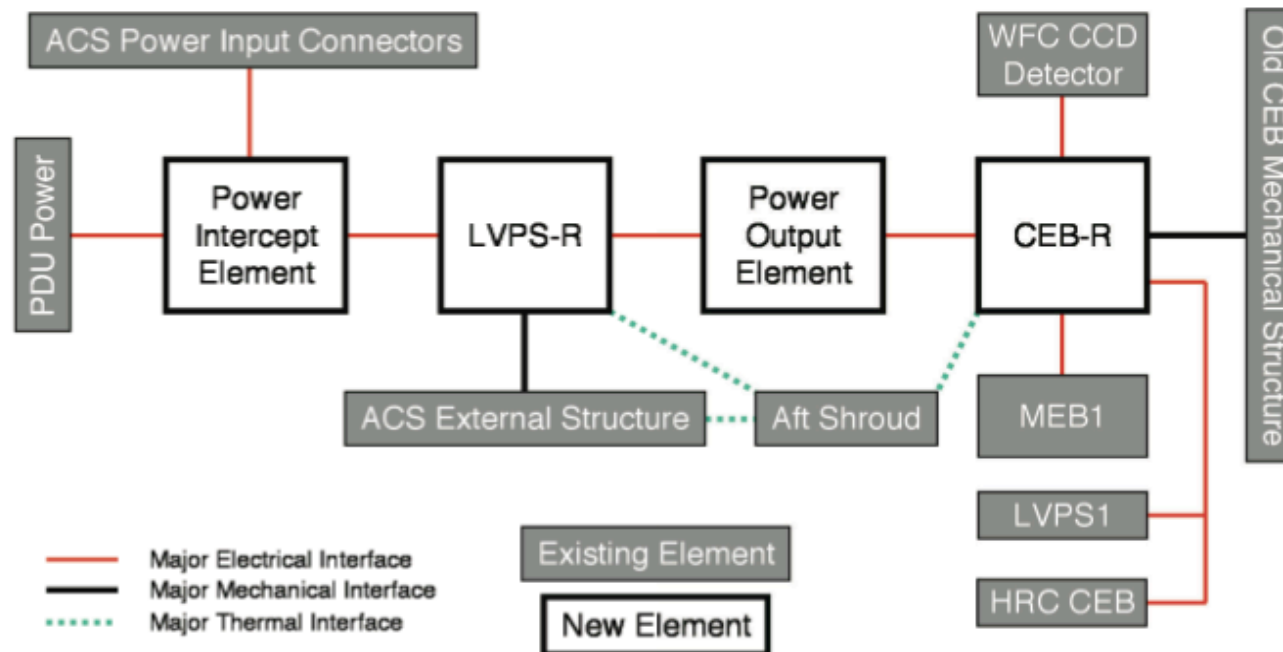
STS-125 astronauts Drew Feustel and John Grunsfeld during EVA-3

# The ACS Repair (ACS-R)



## Four major components of ACS-R:

- **CCD Electronics Box Replacement (CEB-R)**
- **Low Voltage Power Supply Replacement (LVPS-R)**
- **Power Intercept Element (PIE)**
- **Power Output Element (POE)**



# The CEB-R

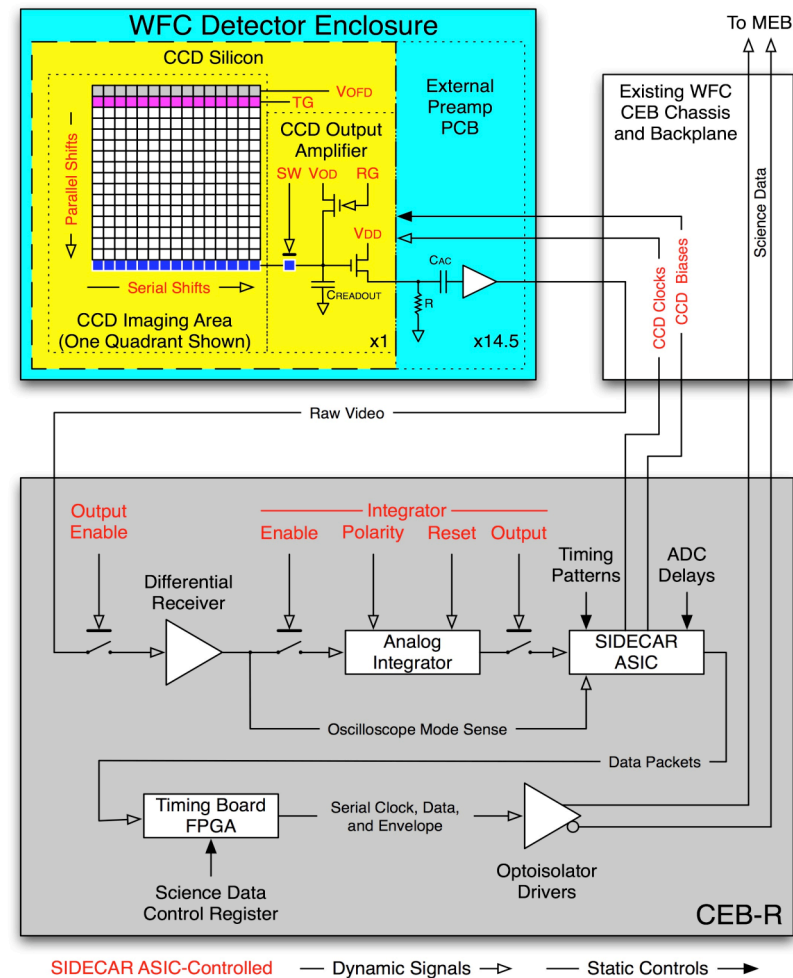


## Main CEB-R features:

- Teledyne SIDECAR\* ASIC\*\* permits optimization of WFC performance via adjustment of CCD clocks, biases, and pixel transmission timing
- Built in oscilloscope mode (O-mode) that allows sensing of analog signal from each output amplifier

\* System for Image Digitization, Enhancement, Control, and Retrieval

\*\* Application Specific Integrated Circuit



# Sample O-scope Image

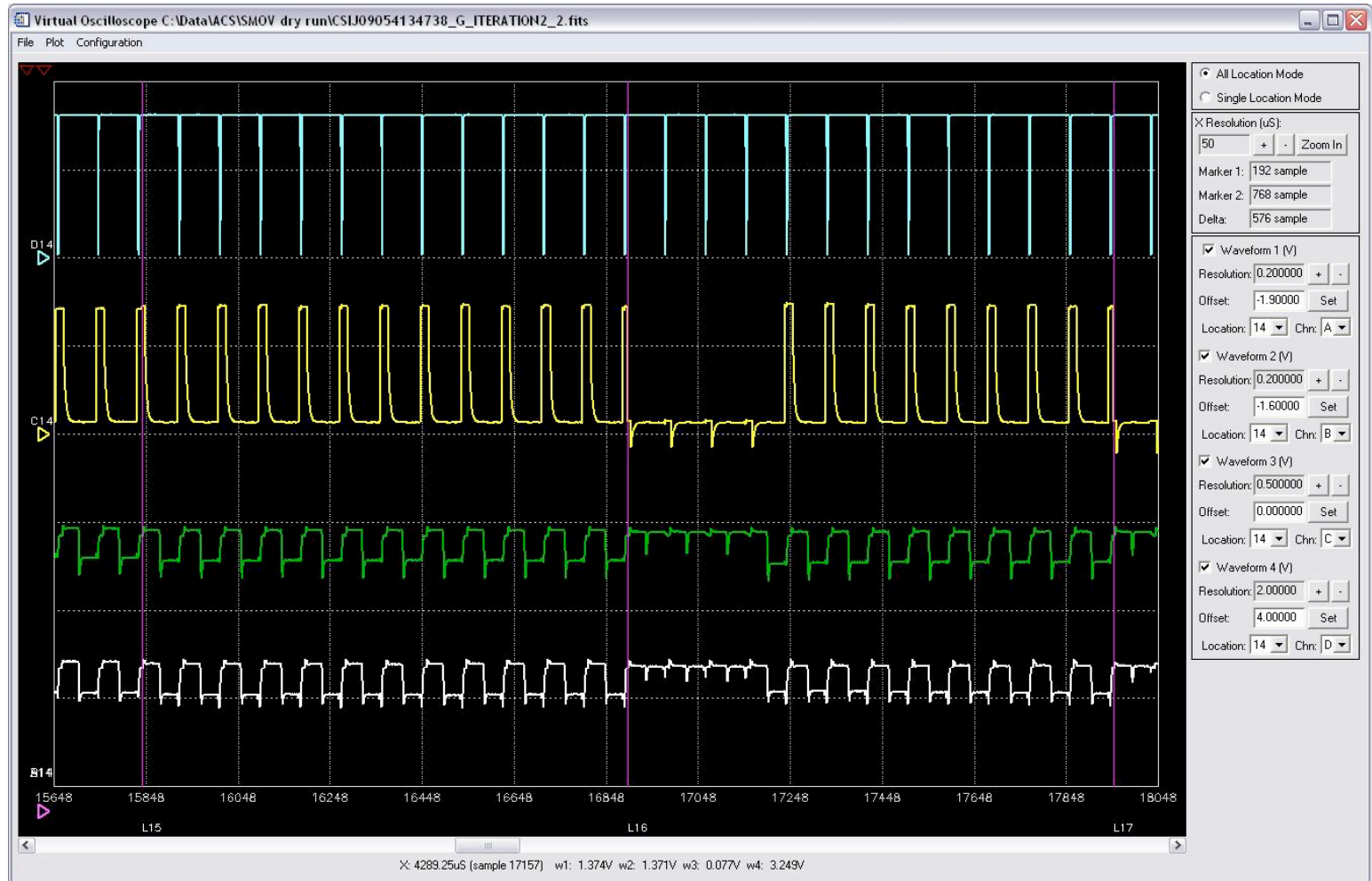


Reset Gate

DSI output B

Raw video B

Raw video A



# WFC Optimization Campaign (1)

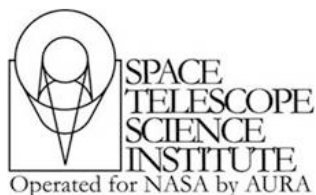


## Ground testing:

- Ensured performance of CEB-R with spare WFC (2 butted 4096x2048 SITE CCDs), but not actual flight WFC ⇒ **CCD performance highly variable**
- Revealed non-ideal transient settling behavior in external preamp ⇒ **Preamp not replaced by ACS-R, so behavior with CEB-R not verifiable**
- Revealed noise dependence on timing of data transmission from CEB-R to MEB

## On-orbit testing:

- To satisfy requirement that WFC perform at least as well as before, CEB-R must accommodate above uncertainties via flexible, programmable settings
- Need iterative campaign to optimize CCD read noise, gains, linearity, full well depth, CTE, cross-talk



## WFC Optimization Campaign (2)



### Strategy:

- Perform up to 8 iterations of comprehensive CCD performance tests and exploratory adjustments of bias voltages, clock rails, and data transmission timing via uplinked commands to ASIC
- Converge to optimal settings; truncate Optimization Campaign if possible
- Select default CDS mode (DSI or clamp-and-sample)
- Modify flight software and assembly code to conform to optimal settings

### Tactics:

- In each iteration, summarize CCD performance and target specific conditions for optimization
- Start with pre-failure default CCD voltages and timing patterns as baseline, then vary appropriate values for targeted conditions
- Analyze both image data (STScI) and O-mode data (Teledyne and GSFC)
- Uplink new baseline voltages for next iteration

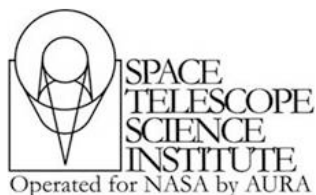


# WFC Optimization Campaign (3)



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- G: O-scope internal signal:** Verify O-scope traces are synced with clocks
- A: Performance summary:** read noise, dark current, gains, full well, CTE (EPER and hot pixels), cross talk, bias drift (DSI and C&S; full speed & half speed)
- B: Preamp settling:** Vary  $V_{RG}$ ; check noise, gain, and full well
- C: Clock feedthrough:** Vary summing well and serial clock high rails; check O-mode
- D: Bias voltages:** Vary  $V_{OD}$ ,  $V_{DD}$ ,  $V_{LG}$ ; check noise, gain, and full well
- E: Clock voltages:** Vary serial and parallel clocks; check noise, gain, full well, CTE
- F: Science data transmission:** Vary timing and size of bit packets between CEB-R and MEB; check noise



# Optimization Campaign Family



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# WFC Performance Summary

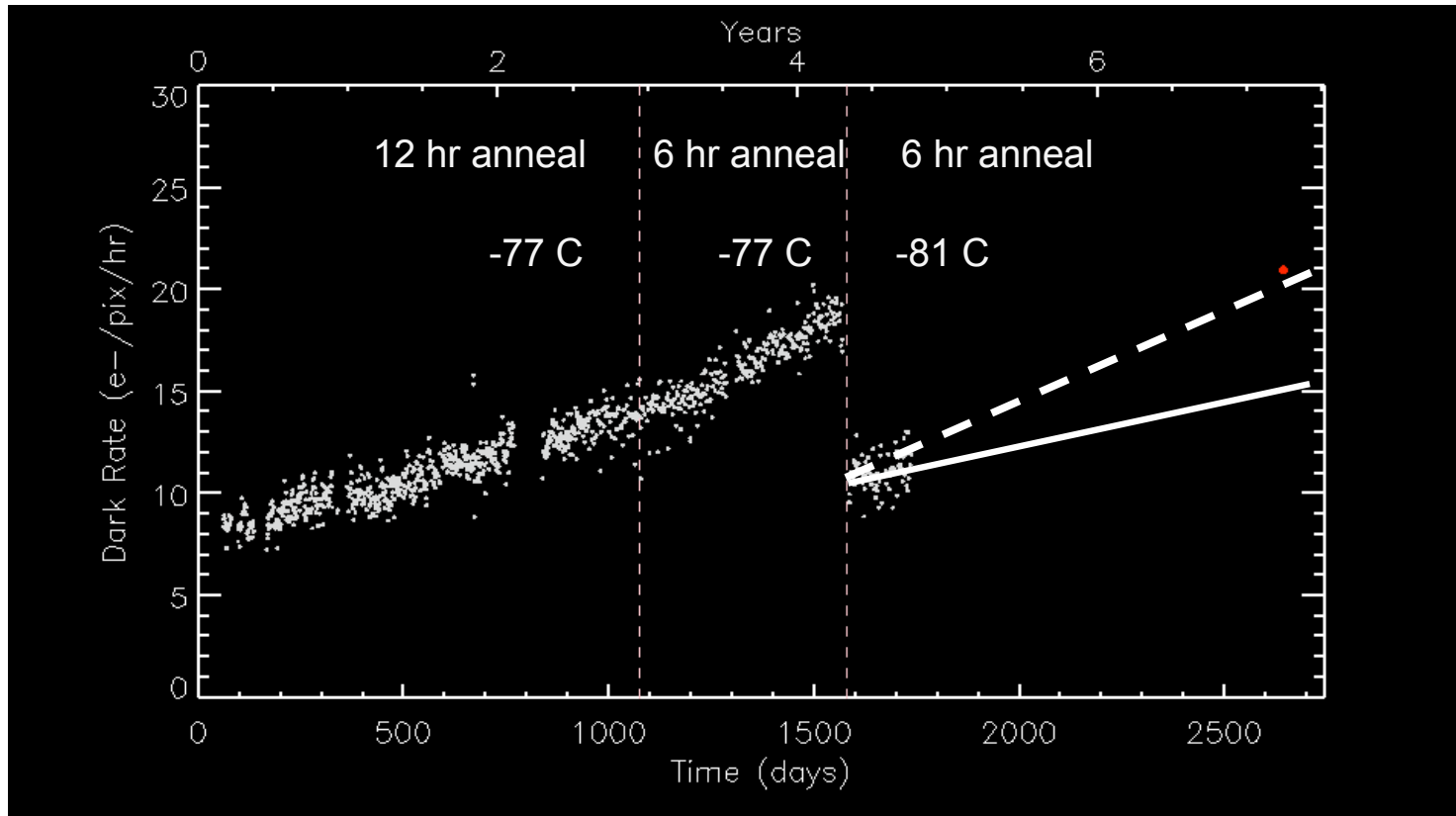


Metric	January 2007 (measured)	May 2009* (projected)	Problematic*	Post SM4 (measured)
Read noise (e <sup>-</sup> ; gain = 2)	C&S: 5.5	DSI: 4.0	10	DSI: 3.9-4.7 C&S: 4.4-5.7
Dark current (e <sup>-</sup> /pix/hr)	10.7	15	100	20-25
Hot pixels (%)	0.68	1.1	1.5	1.1
Full well depth (e <sup>-</sup> )	84,000	84,000	40,000	> 80,000
Non-linearity (%)	< 0.1	< 0.1	0.5	< 0.2 (exp time > 2 s)
CTE (1620 e <sup>-</sup> )	0.999949	0.999921	0.9999	0.99989
Cross-talk (50ke <sup>-</sup> source)	4x10 <sup>-5</sup>	4x10 <sup>-5</sup>	4x10 <sup>-4</sup>	(5±4)x10 <sup>-5</sup>
Bias shift** (%)	0.02	< 0.1	< 0.2	0.02-0.30 (before correction)

\* Projected and problematic values from Gilliland et al. 2008 (TIR ACS 2008-04) .

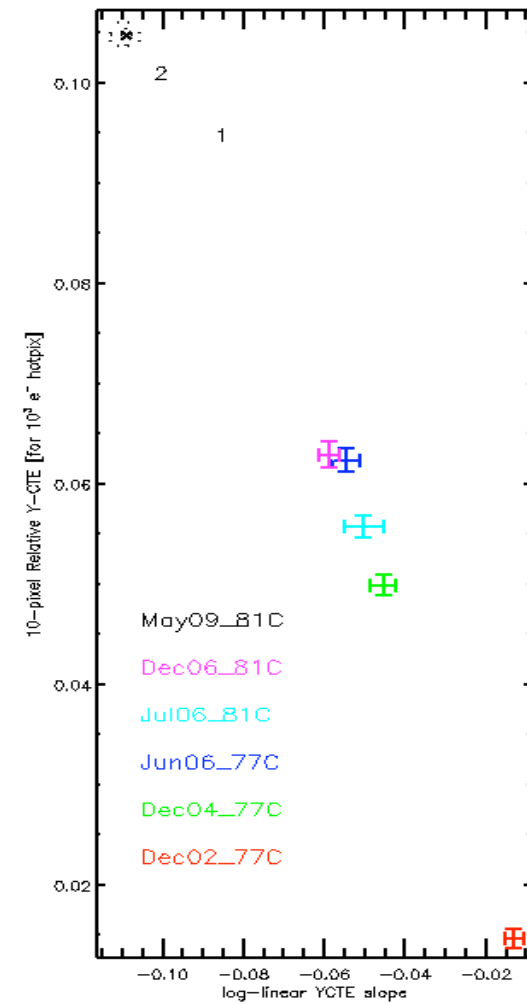
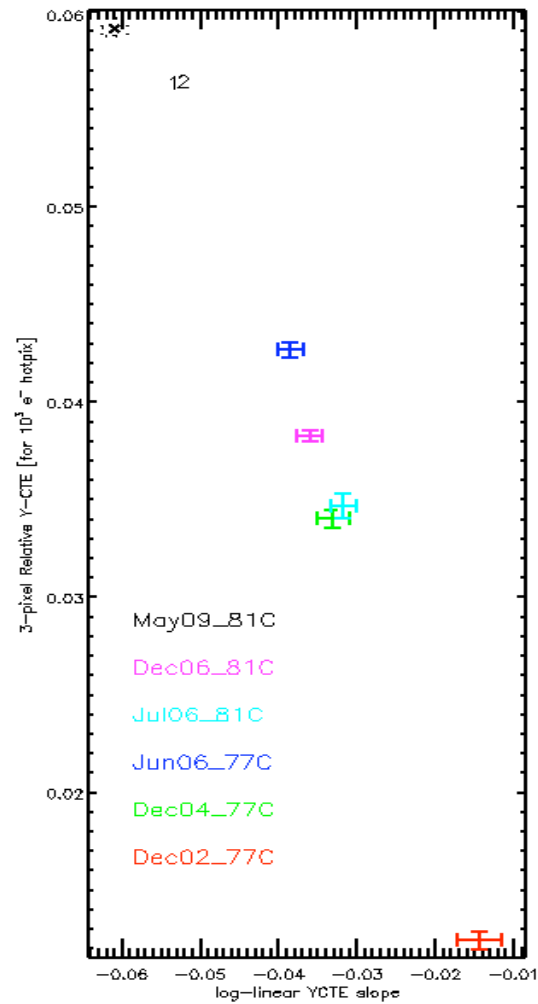
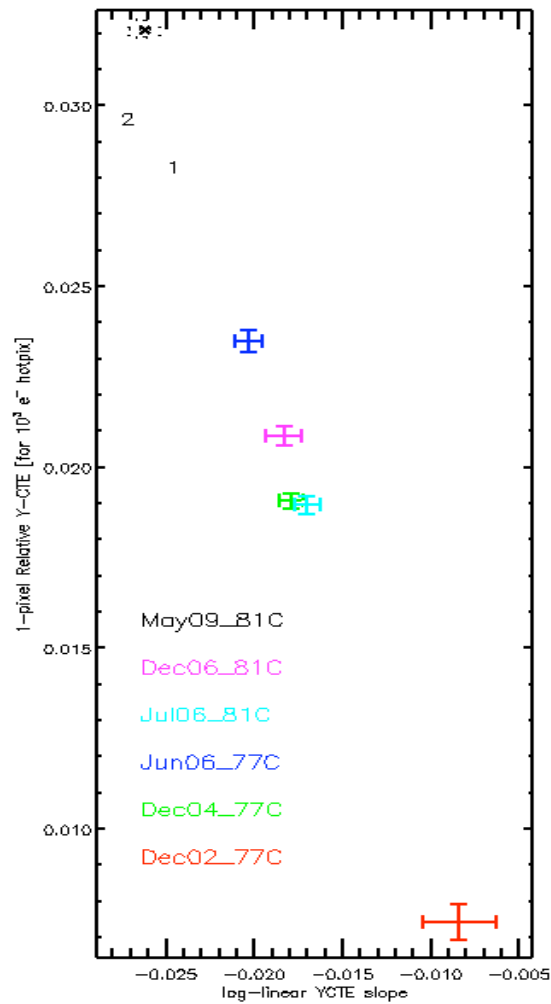
\*\*Residual bias shift *after* analytical correction of signal-dependent effect.

# WFC Dark Current History

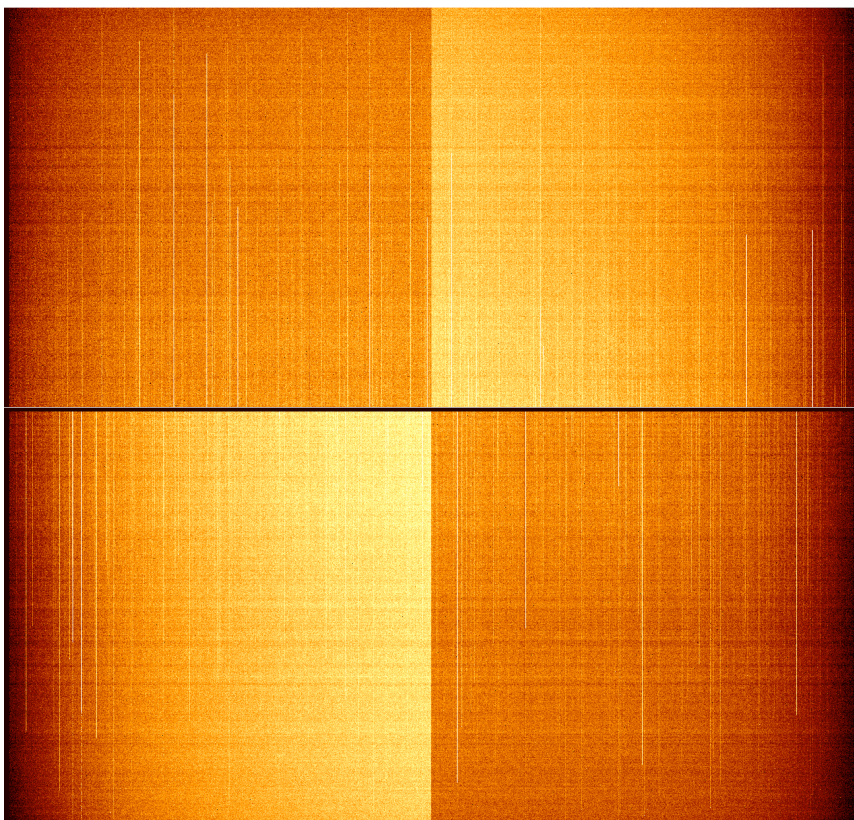


*(See poster 7-B by M. Mutchler on space radiation effects on WFC CCDs)*

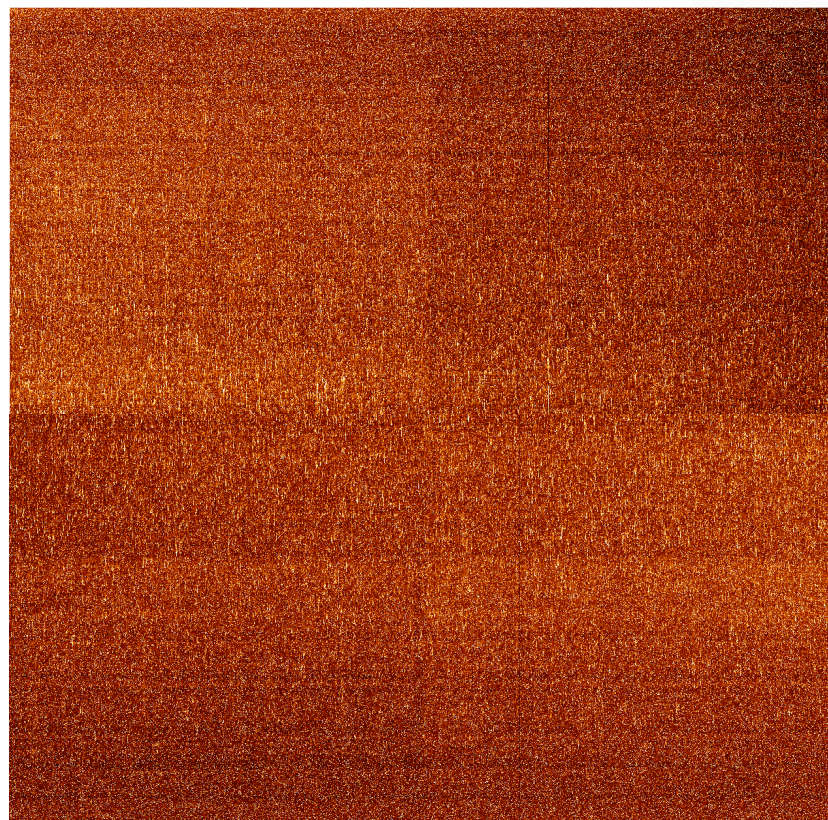
# WFC CTE History



# WFC Bias and Dark Frames



Superbias - 1 full anneal cycle  
(DSI; 34 frames)



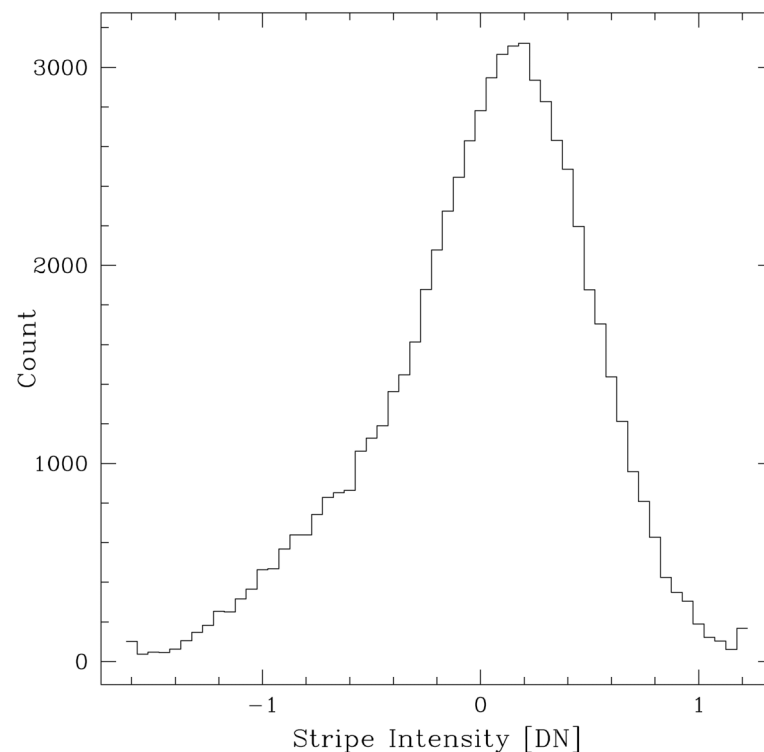
Superdark - 1/2 anneal cycle  
(DSI; 24 frames)

# Bias Stripe Effect

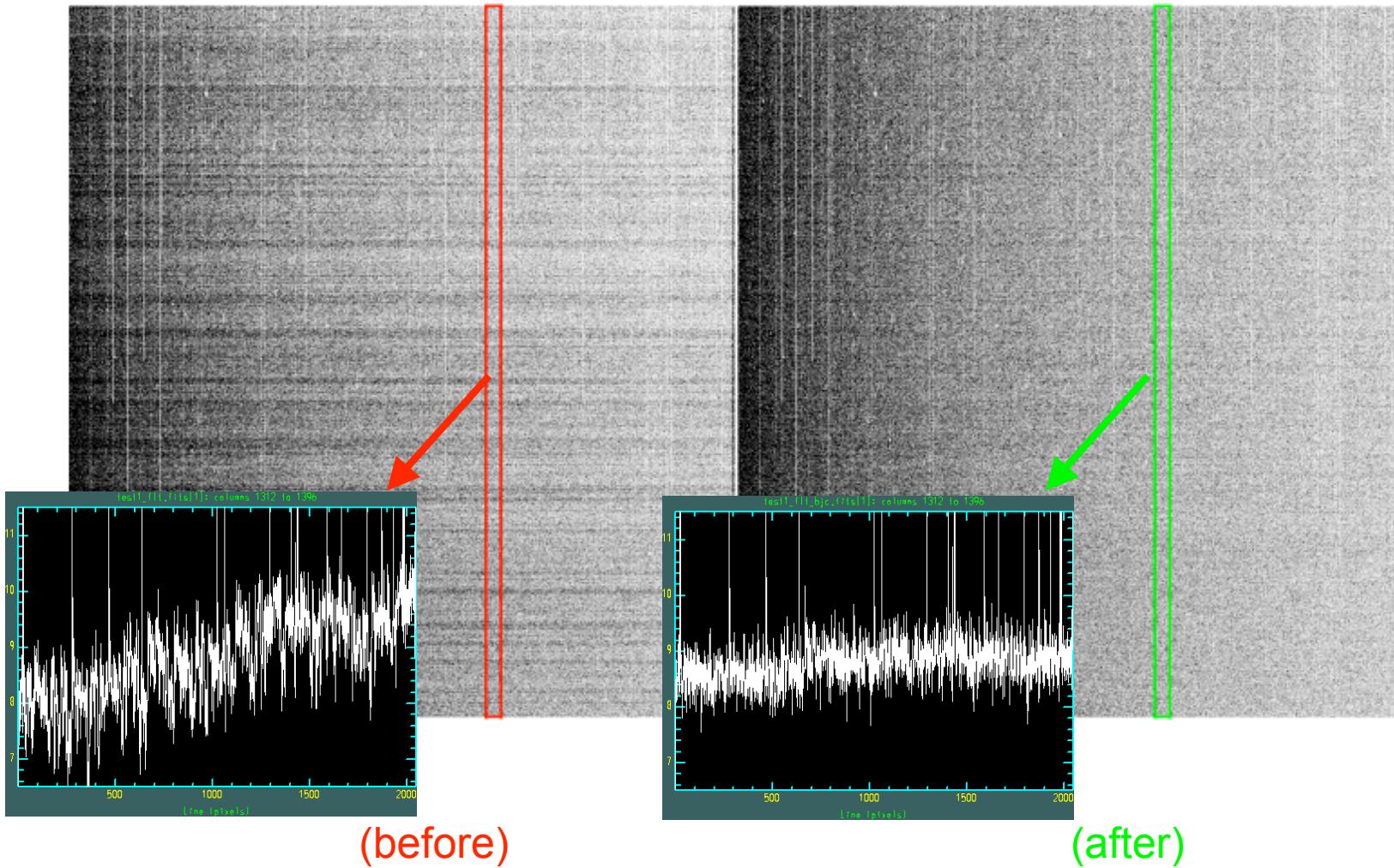


- Caused by  $1/f$  noise (1 mHz to 1 Hz) on ASIC bias reference voltage after CDS
- Appears in both DSI and C&S frames
- Stripes have peak-to-peak variations of  $\sim 2$  DN; negligible contribution to read noise
- Noise is correlated; may affect photometry of the faintest sources
- STScI developing algorithms to remove effect

Histogram of Stripe Values from 16 BIAS Frames



# Bias Stripe Removal

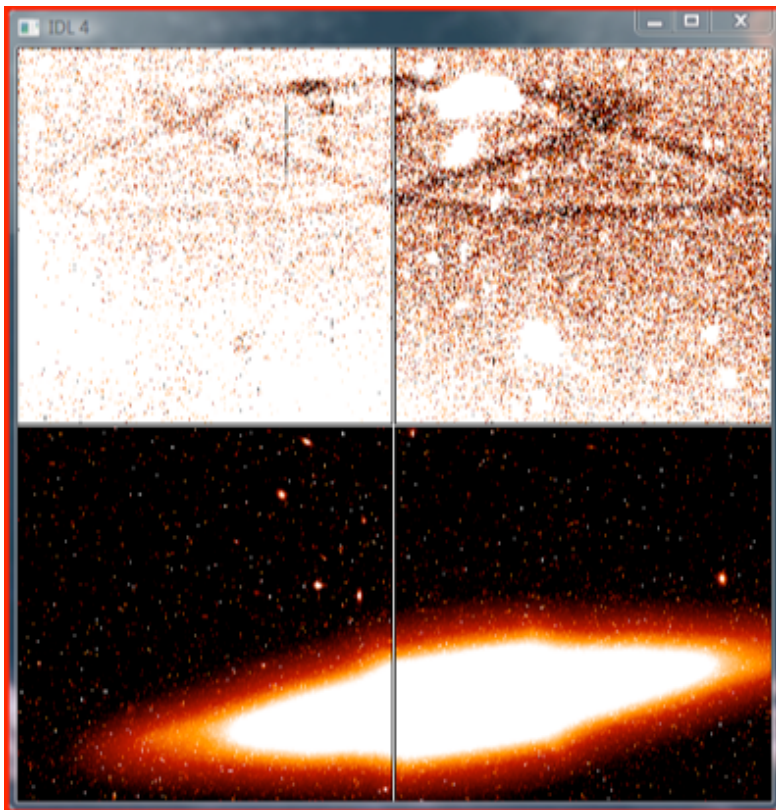




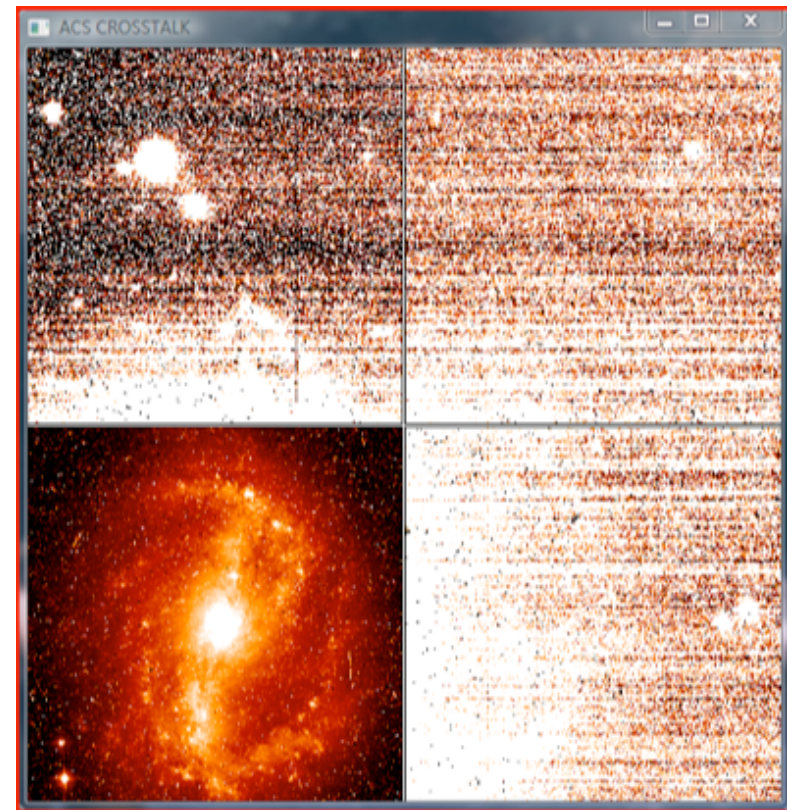
# Cross Talk



NGC 4701 (pre-SM4)



NGC 6217 (post-SM4)



# $V_{OD}$ (Reset Drain) Anomaly

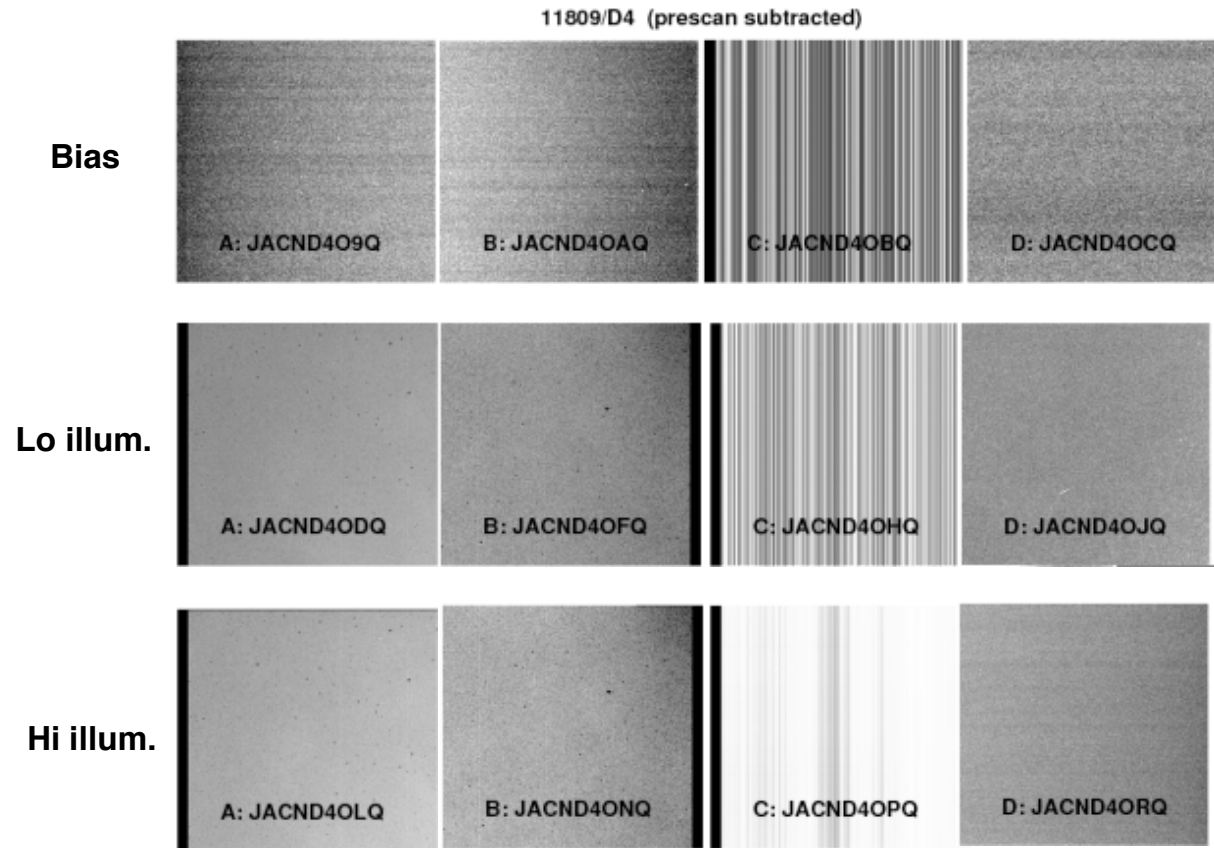


$V_{DD}$ : +27 V (default)

$V_{LG}$ : -3 V (default)

$V_{OD}$ : +14 V (default +15V)

- Anomaly resembles charge injection
- Not reproduced in ground tests at GSFC; remains unexplained
- Similar effect from changes to  $V_{OD}$  and  $V_{LG}$
- **O.C. truncated after Iter 2 as precautionary measure**



# Summary



- Optimization Campaign began 28 May 2009; ended 3 June 2009 after Iter 2
  - ① Performance matched or exceeded projections and expectations
  - ②  $V_{OD}$  offsets of  $< -1$  V produce anomalous behavior in amps C and D that mimics charge-injection but remains unexplained
  - ③ HST Mission Office and Project elect to proceed with WFC default configuration and continue “off-line” investigation of  $V_{OD}$  anomaly
- ASIC Dual-Slope Integrator selected as default CDS mode
- Bias gradient of 5-10 DN caused by a **slow drift of the bias reference voltage during and after the readout of each row of pixels; stable and removable**
- Low level ( $\pm 2$  DN) bias stripes caused by  $1/f$  noise (1 mHz to 1 Hz) generated with ASIC during setting of bias voltage offset
- ACS enabled for science in mid-July 2009



**Barred Spiral Galaxy NGC 6217**  
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