

# AIA/SDO FITS Keywords for Scientific Usage and Data Processing at Levels 0, 1.0, and 1.5

(A document in progress)

## Keyword Nomenclature:

(Telemetry keywords are ***bold italic***; derived keywords are **bold**; & potential keywords are *italic*)  
{# = Integer (~ 0-999); @ = Optional single character A-Z; & = Alpha-numeric}

*LL@#* Lower Left corner pixel for row (X) / column (Y) for Region of Interest (ROI) # on CCD  
*NAXIS@#* Dimension (in pixels) along row (X) / column (Y) for ROI # on CCD  
*A@&&&&&&* Originating from telemetry data (@: H = HDR, F = FDB, I = ISP)

(Note: The definitions of the output data levels included below have been extracted in part from the current Stanford SDO DRMS and SUMS computer database. Phil Scherrer's "JSOC Keywords used for metadata" document [current update 5/8/09] will be used to define and explain the keyword usage.)

## 1. **Level-0** Keywords

### 1.1 Basic Image Information for **Level-0**

Definition of **Level-0** Metadata for the Image Header (Note: The only intended external use of this level is for JSOC-OPS quick-look viewing in near-real time.)

Metadata for Level-0, when the image comes down, consists of keywords derived directly from the image camera header data and those stored in a ground database containing the image characteristics, such as image size, date of observation, telescope, instrument, etc., plus that generated from the associated image status packet (ISP), including the status of mechanisms, the camera itself, the image stabilization system (ISS), and the guide telescope (GT). (See image status packet list in Section 1.2 below.)

Metadata for Level-0 may be updated further in the next 24 hours as the final versions of SDO roll information and Flight Dynamics System data are received.

### Data Image for **Level-0**

Decompressed raw data recompressed using non-lossy compression, such as rice.

The following keywords come from science data packet image header (HDR) information (definition in Doc. AIA02019):

**AHAPID** = Packet APID (11b; from HDR)  
**AHTCS** = Packet Time Code Seconds (32b; from HDR)  
**AHTCSS** = Packet Time Code Sub Seconds (32b; from HDR)  
**AHTLFSN** = Camera/Frame Serial Number (32b; from HDR)  
**AHTAPC** = TAP Code (4b; from HDR)  
**AHBITID** = Bit Select ID (4b; from HDR)  
**AHCPIDN** = Compression parameter  $n$  (4b; from HDR)  
**AHCPIDK** = Compression parameter  $k$  (4b; from HDR)  
**AHLUTID** = Lookup Table ID (8b; from HDR)

The 9 keywords above will be useful in identifying and reconstructing the acquired image.

**IMGAPID** = **AHAPID**, Image Application ID {Level-1 also}

**IMGFPT** is the first packet time in “ISO” units constructed from **AHTCS** and **AHTCSS**.

**TLMDSNAM** Telemetry data series name (string) with first packet of image

**TAPCODE** = **AHTAPC**, “Take a Picture code”

**BITSELID** = **AHBITID**, Bit select id, r

**LUTID** = **AHLUTID**, Lookup table id

**COMPID** is the compression id;  $n$ ,  $k$ ; constructed from **AHCPIDN** and **AHCPIDK**.

**FSN** = the least significant 30b of **AHTLFSN** and is the Frame Serial Number {Level-1 also}

**CAMERA** = the most significant 2b of **AHTLFSN** + 1 = [1, 2, 3, 4] and is the AIA camera (telescope) number associated with the image {Level-1 also}

**CROPID** is the id associated in the crop table with each image frame to generated onboard and will contain

**FID**, the Frame Definition Block ID (8b; crop table) {Level-1 also}

to be extracted from the de-crop table during the jsoc processing. The Frame Definition Block ID identifies the Frame Definition Block (FDB) (generated and stored in the FDB database on the ground), from which the following can be obtained:

**AFDBID** = Frame Definition Block ID (8b; from FDB)

**AFDBSM** = SummingMode (4b; from FDB) for summing: 1x1, 2x2, 4x4 (= 0, 1, 2)

**AFDBNW** = Number of Windows (4b; from FDB) for number of Region Of Interest(s) (ROI) (= 0, 1, 2)

**ROI\_NAX1** = Number of CCD Columns (16b; from FDB and de-crop table) for width of ROI 1 in pixels {Level-1 also}

**ROI\_NAY1** = Number of CCD Rows (16b; from FDB and de-crop table) for height of ROI 1 in pixels {Level-1 also}

**ROI\_NAX2** = Number of CCD Columns (16b; from FDB and de-crop table) for width of ROI 2 in pixels {Level-1 also}

**ROI\_NAY2** = Number of CCD Rows (16b; from FDB and de-crop table) for height of ROI 2 in pixels {Level-1 also}

**ROI\_LLX1** = CCD X-variable location of lower left corner pixel of ROI 1 {Level-1 also}  
**ROI\_LLY1** = CCD Y-variable location of lower left corner pixel of ROI 1 {Level-1 also}  
**ROI\_LLX2** = CCD X-variable location of lower left corner pixel of ROI 2 {Level-1 also}  
**ROI\_LLY2** = CCD Y-variable location of lower left corner pixel of ROI 2 {Level-1 also}

Using the basic keywords above for the lower-left pixel of the 2 target regions of interest (ROI) and for the widths and heights of the regions, together with the lower-left corner pixel (LLC) information for the origin of the ROI with columns designated along the horizontal axis and rows along the vertical axis, the derived keywords below can be determined for each of the Region(s) of Interest (ROIs), 1 and 2. If more than one ROI is indicated, they most likely will be strips across the CCD. The summing mode keyword, **AFDBSM**, will also be useful in reconstructing the image.

Derived Keywords:

**NUMWIN** = **AFDBNW** [number of window ROIs:  
= 0 for full (4kx4k) CCD;  
= 1 for 1 ROI;  
= 2 for 2 ROIs]

**NAXIS** = 2, 2, 1 [corresponds to number of axes of images for **NUMWIN** = 0,  
1, 2, respectively, to not confuse simple FITS file readers.] {Level-1 also}

**NAXIS1** = 4096, **ROI\_NAX1**, total number of pixels in area {Level-1 also}

**NAXIS2** = 4096, **ROI\_NAY1**, 0 {Level-1 also}

[the first 2 values of **NAXIS#** correspond, respectively, to the axis length for **NUMWIN** = 0, 1 and the last value corresponds to the total number of pixels in ROIs for **NAXIS1** and to zero by definition for **NAXIS2** to not confuse simple FITS file readers for **NUMWIN** = 2.]

## 1.2 Additional Information for Level-0 from Image Status Packet (ISP) [APID 027, as of May 2008]

**ATCS027** = APID027\_TIMECODE\_SECONDS (32b; from ISP), APID027 timecode in seconds

**ATCSS027** = APID027\_TIMECODE\_SUBSECS (32b; from ISP), APID027 timecode in subseconds, [Quality/Sanity Check time]

**AIVNIMST** = A831A = AIA\_VER\_NUM\_IMAGE\_STATUS (16b; from ISP), ISP version number

**AIMGOTS** = A8285 = AIA\_IMG\_OBT\_TIME\_SH\_SEC (32b; from ISP), seconds time tag read from OBC shutter time tag register for the shutter operation making this image

**ASQHDR** = AIA\_SEQ\_HEADER (32b; from ISP), a combination of the camera number and the frame serial number, both of which have their own keywords, as follows

|   |   |
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| <b><i>ASQTNUM</i></b> = AIA_SEQ_TEL_NUM (2b; in ISP),   | from which the camera (telescope) number that took this image, <b>CAMERA</b> (= <b><i>ASQTNUM</i></b> + 1), can be sanity checked |
| <b><i>ASQFSN</i></b> = AIA_SEQ_FRAME_SN (30b; in ISP) { <b>Level-1 also</b> },  | from which the frame serial number of this image, <b>AHFSN</b> , can be sanity checked (independent of the camera number)         |
| <b><i>AIAHFSN</i></b> = AIA_IMG_HIST_FSN (32b; from ISP),   | the FSN of the image from which the histogram data was obtained   |
| <b><i>AECDELAY</i></b> = AIA_IMG_AEC_DELAY (16b; from ISP),   | time since image used for AEC   |
| <b><i>AIAECTI</i></b> = <b><i>A82CA</i></b> = AIA_IMG_AEC_TABLE_ID (16b; from ISP),   | Automatic Exposure Control (AEC) table used with image  |
| <b><i>AIASEN</i></b> = <b><i>A82BF</i></b> = AIA_IMG_AS_ENCODER (16b; from ISP) { <b>Level-1 also</b> as <b>APER_SEL</b> },         | aperture selection encoder reading  |
| <b><i>AIFDBID</i></b> = <b><i>A8315</i></b> = AIA_IMG_FDB_ID (16b; from ISP),   | frame definition block id, [Quality/Sanity Check <b><i>AIFDBID</i></b> ?]   |
| <b><i>AIMGOTSS</i></b> = <b><i>A8286</i></b> = AIA_IMG_OBT_TIME_SH_SS (16b; from ISP),  | subseconds time tag read from OBC shutter time tag register for the shutter operation making this image                           |
| <b><i>AIFCPS</i></b> = <b><i>A8225</i></b> = AIA_IMG_FC_POSITION (16b; from ISP) { <b>Level-1 also</b> as <b>FOCUSPOS</b> },        | currently loaded target value for the focus position mechanism  |
| <b><i>AIFTSWTH</i></b> = AIA_IMG_FLT_TYPE_SW_TH (16b; from ISP),  | filter switch threshold for 131A wavelength (exposure)  |
| <b><i>AIFRMLID</i></b> = AIA_IMG_FRMLIST_ID (16b; from ISP),  | framelist id for this image   |
| <b><i>AIFTSID</i></b> = AIA_IMG_FTS_ID (16b; from ISP),   | framelist timeline schedule (FTS) id for this image   |
| <b><i>AIHISMXB</i></b> = AIA_IMG_HIST_MAX_BIN (16b; from ISP),  | bin number of maximum of standard histogram for previous image in this wavelength used for the current AEC                        |
| <b><i>AIHIS192</i></b> = AIA_IMG_HISTC_BN_192 (24b; from ISP),  | cumulative histogram value at bin #192  |
| <b><i>AIHIS348</i></b> = AIA_IMG_HISTC_BN_348 (24b; from ISP),  | cumulative histogram value at bin #348  |
| <b><i>AIHIS604</i></b> = AIA_IMG_HISTC_BN_604 (24b; from ISP),  | cumulative histogram value at bin #604  |
| <b><i>AIHIS860</i></b> = AIA_IMG_HISTC_BN_860 (24b; from ISP),  | cumulative histogram value at bin #860  |
| <b><i>AIWEN</i></b> = <b><i>A8292</i></b> = AIA_IMG_FW_ENCODER (8b; from ISP) { <b>Level-1 also</b> as <b>FILWLSEL</b> },           | filter wheel selector encoder reading (0-255) for this image  |
| <b><i>AIMGSHCE</i></b> = <b><i>A8213</i></b> = AIA_IMG_SH_CMDED_EXPOSURE (19b; from ISP) { <b>Level-1 also</b> as <b>CMDEXPT</b> }, | commanded exposure for this image   |
| <b><i>AECTYPE</i></b> = AIA_IMG_AEC_TYPE (2b; from ISP),  | AEC table for current wavelength (4 tables per wavelength)  |
| <b><i>AECMODE</i></b> = AIA_IMG_AEC_MODE (1b; from ISP),  | mode of AEC (on/off)  |
| <b><i>AISTATE</i></b> = <b><i>A8284</i></b> = AIA_IMG_ISS_LOOP (1b; from ISP),  | ISS on/off  |
| <b><i>AIAECENF</i></b> = AIA_IMG_AEC_ENA_FLAG (1b; from ISP),   | AEC enable flag for this image  |
| <b><i>AIFILTYP</i></b> = AIA_IMG_FILTER_TYPE (1b; from ISP)   | { <b>Level-1 also</b> as <b>FILT_TYP</b> }, filter type, “thick”, “thin” (used for 131 A only), or “open”                         |
| <b><i>AIMSHOBC</i></b> = <b><i>A853E</i></b> = AIA_IMG_SH_OPEN_BOT_CENTR (24b; from ISP),   | shutter timer register value for this position of this image  |

***AIMSHOBE*** = *A853F* = AIA\_IMG\_SH\_OPEN\_BOT\_EDGE (24b; from ISP), (same as above)  
***AIMSHOTC*** = *A8540* = AIA\_IMG\_SH\_OPEN\_TOP\_CENTR (24b; from ISP), (same as above)  
***AIMSHOTE*** = *A8541* = AIA\_IMG\_SH\_OPEN\_TOP\_EDGE (24b; from ISP), (same as above)  
***AIMSHCBC*** = *A8214* = AIA\_IMG\_SH\_CLOSE\_BOT\_CENTR (24b; from ISP), (same as above)  
***AIMSHCBE*** = *A8291* = AIA\_IMG\_SH\_CLOSE\_BOT\_EDGE (24b; from ISP), (same as above)  
***AIMSHCTC*** = *A853C* = AIA\_IMG\_SH\_CLOSE\_TOP\_CENTR (24b; from ISP), (same as above)  
***AIMSHCTE*** = *A853D* = AIA\_IMG\_SH\_CLOSE\_TOP\_EDGE (24b; from ISP), (same as above)  
***AICFGDL1*** = AIA\_IMG\_CFG\_DELAY\_1 (8b; from ISP), mechanism delay 1 for this image  
***AICFGDL2*** = AIA\_IMG\_CFG\_DELAY\_2 (8b; from ISP), clear table delay for this image  
***AICFGDL3*** = AIA\_IMG\_CFG\_DELAY\_3 (8b; from ISP), shutter operation delay for this image  
***AICFGDL4*** = AIA\_IMG\_CFG\_DELAY\_4 (8b; from ISP), readout delay for this image  
***AIFOENFL*** = AIA\_IMG\_FOCUS\_ENA\_FLAG (1b; from ISP), flag to indicate if focus table used or not  
***AIMGFSN*** = AIA\_IMG\_FRLIST\_POS (8b; from ISP), position within framelist of this frame  
***AIMGTYP*** = AIA\_IMG\_IMAGE\_TYPE (8b; from ISP) {Level-1 also as **IMG\_TYP**}, “dark” (0) or “light” (1) shutter type  
***AIAWVLEN*** = AIA\_IMG\_WAVELENGTH (8b; from ISP)  
**WAVELNTH** = ***AIAWVLEN*** = AIA\_IMG\_WAVELENGTH (8b; from ISP) {Level-1 also}, wavelength of this observation, with  
 2 each for camera (telescope) 1, 2, 4, and 4 each for camera 3 (as a  
 float in nm (Phil)), and with mapping reference number of each  
 wavelength in ( ):  
     = 33.5 (0), 13.1 (1) for camera 1  
     = 21.1 (2), 19.3 (3) for camera 2  
     = 160.0 (4), 170.0 (5), 450.0 (6), 17.1 (7) for camera 3  
     = 30.4 (8), 9.4 (9) for camera 4  
**WAVEUNIT** = “nm” {Level-1 also},  
**WAVE\_STR** = string(**WAVELNTH**+**AIFILTYP**) {Level-1 also}, (with no decimal in **WAVELNTH**)  
***AIAGP1*** = AIA\_IMG\_GP1 (32B; from ISP), general purpose register word 1  
***AIAGP2*** = AIA\_IMG\_GP2 (32B; from ISP), general purpose register word 2  
***AIAGP3*** = AIA\_IMG\_GP3 (32B; from ISP), general purpose register word 3  
***AIAGP4*** = AIA\_IMG\_GP4 (32B; from ISP), general purpose register word 4  
***AIAGP5*** = AIA\_IMG\_GP5 (32B; from ISP), general purpose register word 5  
***AIAGP6*** = AIA\_IMG\_GP6 (32B; from ISP), general purpose register word 6  
***AIAGP7*** = AIA\_IMG\_GP7 (32B; from ISP), general purpose register word 7  
***AIAGP8*** = AIA\_IMG\_GP8 (32B; from ISP), general purpose register word 8  
***AIAGP9*** = AIA\_IMG\_GP9 (32B; from ISP), general purpose register word 9

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| <b>AIAGP10</b> = AIA_IMG_GP10 (32B; from ISP),               | general purpose register word 10                        |
| <b>AIGT1SVY</b> = AIA_IMG_GT1_SUNVECTOR_Y (16b; from ISP),   | Guide Telescope (GT) 1 Sun vector in y direction        |
| <b>AIGT1SVZ</b> = AIA_IMG_GT1_SUNVECTOR_Z (16b; from ISP),   | Guide Telescope (GT) 1 Sun vector in z direction        |
| <b>AIGT2SVY</b> = AIA_IMG_GT2_SUNVECTOR_Y (16b; from ISP),   | Guide Telescope (GT) 2 Sun vector in y direction        |
| <b>AIGT2SVZ</b> = AIA_IMG_GT2_SUNVECTOR_Z (16b; from ISP),   | Guide Telescope (GT) 2 Sun vector in z direction        |
| <b>AIGT3SVY</b> = AIA_IMG_GT3_SUNVECTOR_Y (16b; from ISP),   | Guide Telescope (GT) 3 Sun vector in y direction        |
| <b>AIGT3SVZ</b> = AIA_IMG_GT3_SUNVECTOR_Z (16b; from ISP),   | Guide Telescope (GT) 3 Sun vector in z direction        |
| <b>AIGT4SVY</b> = AIA_IMG_GT4_SUNVECTOR_Y (16b; from ISP),   | Guide Telescope (GT) 4 Sun vector in y direction        |
| <b>AIGT4SVZ</b> = AIA_IMG_GT4_SUNVECTOR_Z (16b; from ISP),   | Guide Telescope (GT) 4 Sun vector in z direction        |
| <b>AIMGSHEN</b> = A8296 = AIA_IMG_SH_ENCODER (8b; from ISP), | shutter selector encoder reading (0-255) for this image |
| <b>ACSUM027</b> = APID027_CHECKSUM (16b; from ISP),          | ISP checksum (last of ISP telemetry words)              |

### 1.3 More FITS keywords for **Level-0**

|                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>NERRORS</b>  | int, Number of decompression errors |
| <b>NPACKETS</b> | int, Number of packets in image     |
| <b>QUALLEVO</b> | int, Level-0 (only) quality word    |

### 1.4 Other FITS keywords for **Level-0** and **Level-1** also

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>SIMPLE</b> = "T"                               | Boolean, always T for True, if conforming FITS file   |
| <b>BITPIX</b> = "16"                              | integer, Bits/pixel: 16, 32, -32, or -64 (negative for floating point) (HMI uses as 16 in L0) |
| <b>BLANK</b> = "-32768"                           | value signaling undefined integer data  |
| <b>ORIGIN</b>                                     | string, location where file was made, e.g., "SDO/JSOC-SDP"                                    |
| <b>DATE</b>                                       | string, date and time of file creation in format: yyyy.mm.ddThh:mm:ss[.sss] in UTC            |
| <b>DATE-OBS</b> = T_OBS - (EXPTIME/2.0)           | string, UTC, date when image observation started  |
| <b>T_OBS</b>                                      | time, UTC, middle of the exposure time (shutter open start time + exposure time / 2.          |
| <b>EXPTIME</b>                                    | floating point, calculated in double precision, exposure time in seconds                      |
| <b>EXPSDEV</b>                                    | float, calculated in double precision, standard deviation of the exposure time                |
|   | (see Appendix 1: AIA Camera Exposure Time Calculation for details on the 4 keywords above.)   |
| <b>TELESCOP</b> = "SDO/AIA"                       | string, name of source telescope package  |
| <b>INSTRUME</b> = "AIA_i"                         | string, name of instrument (within telescope package) where i = camera number = 1, 2, 3, or 4 |
| <b>INT_TIM</b> = AICFGDL4 - AICFGDL3 (+ rollover) | double, interval time between readout delay and shutter operation delay plus rollover         |

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| <b>DATAVALS</b> | int, Actual number of data values in image   |
| <b>MISSVALS</b> | int, Missing values: <b>TOTVALS - DATAVALS</b>   |
| <b>TOTVALS</b>  | int, Expected number of data values (pixels)   |
| <b>PERCENTD</b> | int, Actual number of data values in image as percent of the total: <b>(DATAVALS/TOTVALS) *100.0</b> |
| <b>DATAMIN</b>  | double, minimum value from all pixels  |
| <b>DATAMAX</b>  | double, maximum value from all pixels  |
| <b>DATAMEDN</b> | double, median value from all pixels   |
| <b>DATAMEAN</b> | double, mean value for all pixels  |
| <b>DATARMS</b>  | double, RMS deviation from the mean value of all pixels  |
| <b>DATASKEW</b> | double, Skewness from the mean value of all pixels   |
| <b>DATAKURT</b> | double, Kurtosis of all pixels   |
| <b>DATAP01</b>  | pixel value corresponding to lowest 1 percentile   |
| <b>DATAP10</b>  | pixel value corresponding to lowest 10 percentile  |
| <b>DATAP25</b>  | pixel value corresponding to lowest 25 percentile  |
| <b>DATAP75</b>  | pixel value corresponding to lowest 75 percentile  |
| <b>DATAP90</b>  | pixel value corresponding to lowest 90 percentile  |
| <b>DATAP95</b>  | pixel value corresponding to lowest 95 percentile  |
| <b>DATAP98</b>  | pixel value corresponding to lowest 98 percentile  |
| <b>DATAP99</b>  | pixel value corresponding to lowest 99 percentile  |
| <b>END</b>      | {FITS required}  |

## 2. More Level-1 Keywords

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>BSCALE</b>              | Multiplier for data values  |
| <b>BZERO</b>               | Offset for data values  |
| <b>QUALLEV1</b>            | int, Level-1 quality word   |
| <b>SUM_MODE = AFDBSM</b>   | int, Summing Mode   |
| <b>APER_SEL = AIASEN</b>   | long int, Aperture selection encoder reading                                |
| <b>FILWSEL = AIWEN</b>     | int, Filter wheel selector encoder reading (0-255)                          |
| <b>FILT_TYP = AIFILTYP</b> | string, filter type of 'thick', 'thin', or 'open'                           |
| <b>IMG_TYP = AIMGTYP</b>   | string, image type of 'light' or 'dark'                                     |
| <b>CMDEXPT = AIMGSHCE</b>  | float, Commanded exposure   |
| <b>FOCUSPOS = AIFCPS</b>   | long int, Focus position, i.e., currently loaded target value for the focus |
| <b>CUT_OUT</b>             | int, Is this a cut out?, 0 = no, 1=yes                                      |

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| <b>DARK</b>     | string, Name of dark processed image                          |
| <b>DARK_VER</b> | float, Version number of dark image                           |
| <b>FLAT</b>     | string, Name of processed flat field image                    |
| <b>FLAT_VER</b> | float, Version number of flat field image                     |
| <b>DN_GAIN</b>  | float, Value of DN per electron gain factor                   |
| <b>DN_GN_V</b>  | float, Version number of DN gain value                        |
| <b>EFF_AREA</b> | float, Value of effective area in cm <sup>2</sup>             |
| <b>EFF_AR_V</b> | float, Version number of effective area value                 |
| <b>ATT_PT_V</b> | float, Version number of S/C camera attitude pointing         |
| <b>FILENAME</b> | Name of data file   |
| <b>LVL_NUM</b>  | Level number of image   |
| <b>REL_VER</b>  | Relative version number of reformatter, data, and/or metadata |
| <b>PIPELNVR</b> | Pipeline version”   |
| <b>SCIRFBSV</b> | Science reference bore sight version number                   |

## 2.1 Other Keywords for Higher Levels (1.0, and 1.5)

These keywords are to be populated separately for each instrument in **Level-1.0**, and above, when information becomes available following the guidelines in Phil Scherrer’s “JSOC Keywords used for metadata” document [current update 5/8/09]. Please refer to this document, which gives a full description of the following image coordinate mapping keywords, discussing the FITS standards, including instrument and spacecraft pointing. Below the keywords and a brief description are presented. The lower case, Italicized, letters specify mapping from array axes (*j*) to image axes (*i*).

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>CTYPE<i>i</i></b>  | Text, type of image coordinate axis <i>i</i> for other Cxxxx keywords                   |
| <b>CRPIX<i>j</i></b>  | Reference pixel along array axis <i>j</i> , with the first pixel numbered 1 (not 0).    |
| <b>CRVAL<i>i</i></b>  | Physical value along image axis <i>i</i> at the center of the pixel.                    |
| <b>CDEL<i>i</i></b>   | Pixel spacing per index value along image axis <i>i</i>                                 |
| <b>CUNIT<i>i</i></b>  | Physical units for position on image axis <i>i</i>                                      |
| <b>CROTA<i>j</i></b>  | Rotation needed for array axes to get to image axes. Unit is degrees.                   |
| <b>CRDER<i>i</i></b>  | Estimate of random error in coordinate <i>i</i> expressed in <b>CUNIT<i>i</i></b> .     |
| <b>CSYSER<i>i</i></b> | Estimate of systematic error in coordinate <i>i</i> expressed in <b>CUNIT<i>i</i></b> . |
| <b>R_SUN</b>          | Radius of the Sun’s image in pixels, for the visible light (float)                      |
| <b>DSUN_OBS</b>       | Distance from Sun’s center to SDO in m (float)  |
| <b>RSUN_REF</b>       | Radius of the Sun in m, (float)   |

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| <b>SAT_ROT</b>  | Position angle of solar pole wrt the SDO Z axis (float, degrees)   |
| <b>INST_ROT</b> | Rotation of the camera from the SDO Z axis (float, degrees)  |
|                 | <b>(CROTA<sub>j</sub> will be the sum SAT_ROT + INST_ROT)</b>  |
| <b>IM_SCALE</b> | Arc-sec per CCD pixel default value for the particular instrument (float). This value will be used for the estimate of CDELTA for AIA. |
| <b>X0</b>       | X-axis location of solar disk center in pixels, start 0.0 (float)  |
| <b>Y0</b>       | Y-axis location of solar disk center in pixels, start 0.0 (float)  |
| <b>XCEN1</b>    | X co-ordinate of ROI 1 array center (float)  |
| <b>YCEN1</b>    | Y co-ordinate of ROI 2 array center (float)  |
| <b>XCEN2</b>    | X co-ordinate of ROI 1 array center (float)  |
| <b>YCEN2</b>    | Y co-ordinate of ROI 2 array center (float)  |

where **a** = **CROTA2** for ROI 1,

$$\text{XCEN1} = \text{CRVAL1} + \text{CDELTA1} * \cos(\mathbf{a}) * ((\text{ROI\_NAX1} + 1) / 2 - \text{CRPIX1}) - \text{CDELTA2} * \sin(\mathbf{a}) * ((\text{ROI\_NAY1} + 1) / 2 - \text{CRPIX2})$$

$$\text{YCEN1} = \text{CRVAL2} + \text{CDELTA1} * \sin(\mathbf{a}) * ((\text{ROI\_NAX1} + 1) / 2 - \text{CRPIX1}) + \text{CDELTA2} * \cos(\mathbf{a}) * ((\text{ROI\_NAY1} + 1) / 2 - \text{CRPIX2})$$

and for ROI 2,

$$\text{XCEN2} = \text{CRVAL1} + \text{CDELTA1} * \cos(\mathbf{a}) * ((\text{ROI\_NAX2} + 1) / 2 - \text{CRPIX1}) - \text{CDELTA2} * \sin(\mathbf{a}) * ((\text{ROI\_NAY2} + 1) / 2 - \text{CRPIX2})$$

$$\text{YCEN2} = \text{CRVAL2} + \text{CDELTA1} * \sin(\mathbf{a}) * ((\text{ROI\_NAX2} + 1) / 2 - \text{CRPIX1}) + \text{CDELTA2} * \cos(\mathbf{a}) * ((\text{ROI\_NAY2} + 1) / 2 - \text{CRPIX2})$$

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>FOVX1 = CDELTA1 * ROI_NAX1</b> | ROI 1 X-Axis Field of View in CUNITi      |
| <b>FOVY1 = CDELTA2 * ROI_NAY1</b> | ROI 1 Y-Axis Field of View in CUNITi      |
| <b>FOVX2 = CDELTA1 * ROI_NAX2</b> | ROI 2 X-Axis Field of View in CUNITi      |
| <b>FOVY2 = CDELTA2 * ROI_NAY2</b> | ROI 2 Y-Axis Field of View in CUNITi      |
| <b>TEMPCCD</b>                    | Temperature at CCD                        |
| <b>TEMPCEB</b>                    | Temperature at common electronics box     |
| <b>TEMPSMIR</b>                   | Temperature at secondary mirror           |
| <b>TEMPPMIR</b>                   | Temperature at primary mirror             |
| <b>PZTOFFS1</b>                   | PZT offset                                |
| <b>PZTOFFS2</b>                   | PZT offset                                |
| <b>PZTOFFS3</b>                   | PZT offset                                |
| <b>HELIOCN1</b>                   | Heliocentric coordinates (6) - Rock (TBD) |
| <b>HELIOCN2</b>                   |   |

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>HELIOCN3</b>   |  |
| <b>HELIOCN4</b>   |  |
| <b>HELIOCN5</b>   |  |
| <b>HELIOCN6</b>   |  |
| <b>GEOCEN1</b>    | Geocentric coordinates (6) - Rock (TBD)      |
| <b>GEOCEN2</b>    |  |
| <b>GEOCEN3</b>    |  |
| <b>GEOCEN4</b>    |  |
| <b>GEOCEN5</b>    |  |
| <b>GEOCEN6</b>    |  |
| <b>CARRINGT</b>   | Carrington keyword - Rock (TBD)              |
| <b>EXTEND</b>     | FITS file may contain extensions             |
| <b>COMMENT</b>    | ASCII comment (can be multiple)              |
| <b>HISTORY</b>    | ASCII history record (can be multiple)       |
| <b>DARK</b>       |  |
| <b>FLAT_FIELD</b> | Set when applied to image                    |
| <b>LEAP_SEC</b>   | Current number of leap seconds to add to TAI |

More level definitions

Definition of **Level-1.0** (Note: This temporary level is generated on demand from Level-0 and is held for up to 60 days.)

1. Header

Metadata for Level-0 reduced to those scientific FITS keywords needed for analysis at Level-1, updating the image coordinate mapping keywords to meaningful and nearly correct values, plus other keywords needed for Level -1 and above.

2. Data

Decompressed raw data (level 0) with overscan pixels removed, dark pedestal and current, as well as flat field, corrections applied, bad pixel and cosmic-ray map created, image flipped to align with Solar North, and, finally, image rescaled to integer.

Definition of **Level-1.5** (Note: The output from this level will be used to generate the permanently stored data.)

1. Header

Metadata for Level-1.0 updated for the applied calibrations below (that will irreversibly modify the data).

2. Data

Floating-Point Level-1.0 data images that are de-spiked, or replaced, using the bad pixel map; adjusted for plate scale, rotation, and sub-pixel registration; roll corrected; and finally rescaled to integer.

3. Draft of Level 0 and 1 Headers with Sample Keywords

| <b>Level 0</b>    | <b>Level 1</b>  | Brief Description                                     | Sample Keyword            | Section          |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>SIMPLE</b> =   | <b>SIMPLE</b>   |   | T                         | 1.4              |
| <b>BITPIX</b> =   | <b>BITPIX</b>   |   | 16                        | 1.4              |
| <b>BLANK</b> =    | <b>BLANK</b>    |   | -32768                    | 1.4 (definition) |
| <b>NAXIS</b> =    | <b>NAXIS</b>    |   | 2                         | 1.1              |
|                   | <b>EXTEND</b>   |   | T                         | 2                |
| <b>ORIGIN</b> =   | <b>ORIGIN</b>   |   | 'SDO/JSOC-SDP'            | 1.4              |
| <b>DATE</b> =     | <b>DATE</b>     |   | '2008-01-08T18:57:38'     | 1.4              |
| <b>DATE-OBS</b> = | <b>DATE-OBS</b> |   | '2008-01-08T18:56:00.005' | 1.4, App. 1      |
| <b>T_OBS</b> =    | <b>T_OBS</b>    |   | '2008-01-08T18:56:03.005' | 1.4, App. 1      |
| <b>EXPTIME</b> =  | <b>EXPTIME</b>  |   | 5.039                     | 1.4, App. 1      |
| <b>EXPSDEV</b> =  | <b>EXPSDEV</b>  |   | 0.019                     | 1.4, App. 1      |
| <b>TELESCOP</b> = | <b>TELESCOP</b> |   | 'SDO/AIA'                 | 1.4              |
| <b>INSTRUME</b> = | <b>INSTRUME</b> |   | 'AIA_i'                   | 1.4              |
| <b>CAMERA</b> =   | <b>CAMERA</b>   |   | 3                         | 1.1 (Header)     |
| <b>WAVELNTH</b> = | <b>WAVELNTH</b> |   | 17.1                      | 1.2, 1.4         |
| <b>WAVEUNIT</b> = | <b>WAVEUNIT</b> |   | 'nm'                      | 1.2              |
| <b>WAVE_STR</b> = | <b>WAVE_STR</b> |   | '17101'                   | 1.2              |
| <b>FSN</b> =      | <b>FSN</b>      | Frame Serial Number                                   | 75000                     | 1.1 (Header)     |
| <b>IMGAPID</b> =  | <b>IMGAPID</b>  | Packet APID, "Image Application ID"                   |                           | 1.1 (Header)     |
| <b>TAPCODE</b>    |                 | "Take a Picture code"                                 |                           | 1.1 (Header)     |
| <b>BITSELID</b>   |                 | Bit Select ID, r                                      |                           | 1.1 (Header)     |
| <b>COMPID</b>     |                 | Compression ID; n, k                                  |                           | 1.1 (Header)     |
| <b>CROPID</b> =   | <b>CROPID</b>   | Crop table ID   |                           | 1.1 (Crop table) |
| <b>FID</b> =      | <b>FID</b>      | Frame Definition Block ID                             |                           | 1.1 (Crop table) |
| <b>IMGFPT</b>     |                 | First packet time                                     |                           | 1.1              |
| <b>TLMDSNAM</b>   |                 | Telemetry data series name with first packet of image |                           | 1.1              |

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|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|-----------|
| <b>AFDBSM</b>   | = | <b>SUM_MODE</b> |  | 1.1 (FDB) |
| <b>NUMWIN</b>   |   |                 | (= <b>AFDBNW</b> , Number of windows)                          | 1.1 (FDB) |
| <b>AFDBNW</b>   |   |                 | Number of ROIs   | 1.1 (FDB) |
| <b>ROI_NAX1</b> | = | <b>ROI_NAX1</b> | 4096   | 1.1       |
| <b>ROI_NAX1</b> | = | <b>ROI_NAX1</b> | 4096   | 1.1       |
| <b>ROI_NAX2</b> | = | <b>ROI_NAX2</b> | 0  | 1.1       |
| <b>ROI_NAX2</b> | = | <b>ROI_NAX2</b> | 0  | 1.1       |
| <b>NAXIS1</b>   | = | <b>NAXIS1</b>   | 4096   | 1.1       |
| <b>NAXIS2</b>   | = | <b>NAXIS2</b>   | 4096   | 1.1       |
| <b>ROI_LLX1</b> | = | <b>ROI_LLX1</b> | 0  | 1.1       |
| <b>ROI_LLY1</b> | = | <b>ROI_LLY1</b> | 0  | 1.1       |
| <b>ROI_LLX2</b> | = | <b>ROI_LLX2</b> | 0  | 1.1       |
| <b>ROI_LLY2</b> | = | <b>ROI_LLY2</b> | 0  | 1.1       |
| <b>NERRORS</b>  |   |                 | Number of decompression errors                                 | 1.3       |
| <b>NPACKETS</b> |   |                 | Number of packets in image                                     | 1.3       |
| <b>QUALLEV0</b> |   |                 | Level-0 Quality word   | 1.3       |
| <b>DATAVALS</b> | = | <b>DATAVALS</b> | Actual number of data values in image                          | 1.4       |
| <b>MISSVALS</b> | = | <b>MISSVALS</b> | Missing values: TOTVALS – DATAVALS                             | 1.4       |
| <b>TOTVALS</b>  | = | <b>TOTVALS</b>  | Expected number of data values (pixels)                        | 1.4       |
| <b>PERCENTD</b> | = | <b>PERCENTD</b> | Percentage of good data 100.0                                  | 1.4       |
| <b>DATAMIN</b>  | = | <b>DATAMIN</b>  | 81.0   | 1.4       |
| <b>DATAMAX</b>  | = | <b>DATAMAX</b>  | 4100.0   | 1.4       |
| <b>DATAMEDN</b> | = | <b>DATAMEDN</b> | 218.345670   | 1.4       |
| <b>DATAMEAN</b> | = | <b>DATAMEAN</b> | 218.345670   | 1.4       |
| <b>DATARMS</b>  | = | <b>DATARMS</b>  | 22.687300  | 1.4       |
| <b>DATASKEW</b> | = | <b>DATASKEW</b> | 218.345670   | 1.4       |
| <b>DATAKURT</b> | = | <b>DATAKURT</b> | 218.345670   | 1.4       |
| <b>ATCS027</b>  |   |                 | APID027 timecode in seconds (used to define exposure)          | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b>ATCSS027</b> |   |                 | APID027 timecode in subseconds (used to define exposure)       | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b>AIVNIMST</b> |   |                 | ISP version number   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b>AIMGOTS</b>  |   |                 | seconds time tag   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b>ASQHDR</b>   |   |                 | [= <b>ASQTNUM</b> (2b) {=Camera} + <b>ASQFSN</b> (30b) {=FSN}] | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b>ASQTNUM</b>  |   |                 | [= Camera – 1]   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b>ASQFSN</b>   |   |                 | [another FSN]  | 1.2 (ISP) |

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|------------------------|---|--|-----------|
| <i><b>AIAHFSN</b></i>  |   | the FSN of the image from which the histogram data was obtained  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AECDELAY</b></i> |   | time since image used for AEC  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIAECTI</b></i>  |   | Automatic Exposure Control (AEC) tables used with this image   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIASEN</b></i>   | = | <b>APERT_SEL</b> aperture selection encoder reading  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIFDBID</b></i>  |   | [another FDB ID]   |           |
| <i><b>AIMGOTSS</b></i> |   | subseconds time tag  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIFCPS</b></i>   | = | <b>FOCUSPOS</b> currently loaded target value  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIFTSWTH</b></i> |   | filter switch threshold for 131A wavelength (exposure)   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIFRMLID</b></i> |   | framelist id for this image  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIFTSID</b></i>  |   | framelist timeline schedule (FTS) id   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIHISMXB</b></i> |   | bin number of maximum of standard histogram for previous image in this wavelength used for the current AEC | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIHIS192</b></i> |   | cumulative histogram value at bin #192   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIHIS348</b></i> |   | cumulative histogram value at bin #348   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIHIS604</b></i> |   | cumulative histogram value at bin #604   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIHIS860</b></i> |   | cumulative histogram value at bin #860   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIFWEN</b></i>   | = | <b>FILWLSEL</b> filter wheel selector encoder reading  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIMGSHCE</b></i> | = | <b>COMDEXPT</b> 5.0  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AECTYPE</b></i>  |   | AEC table for current wavelength   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AECMODE</b></i>  |   | mode of AEC  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AISTATE</b></i>  |   | ISS on/off   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIAECENF</b></i> |   | AEC enable flag for this image   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIFILTYP</b></i> | = | <b>FILT_TYP</b> 01   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIMSHOBC</b></i> |   | shutter timer register value   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIMSHOBE</b></i> |   | shutter timer register value   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIMSHOTC</b></i> |   | shutter timer register value   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIMSHOTE</b></i> |   | shutter timer register value   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIMSHCBC</b></i> |   | shutter timer register value   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIMSHCBE</b></i> |   | shutter timer register value   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIMSHCTC</b></i> |   | shutter timer register value   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AIMSHCTE</b></i> |   | shutter timer register value   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AICFGDL1</b></i> |   | mechanism delay 1  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AICFGDL2</b></i> |   | clear table delay  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <i><b>AICFGDL3</b></i> |   | shutter operation delay  | 1.2 (ISP) |

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|-------------------------|---|--|-----------|
| <b><i>AICDGD L4</i></b> |   | readout delay  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIFOENFL</i></b>  |   | flag to indicate if focus table used or not  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIMGFSN</i></b>   |   | position within framelist of this frame  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIMGTYP</i></b>   | = | <b>IMG_TYP</b> 'LIGHT'   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAWVLEN</i></b>  |   | (coded wavelength for this observation)  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAGP1</i></b>    |   | general purpose register word 1  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAGP2</i></b>    |   | general purpose register word 2  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAGP3</i></b>    |   | general purpose register word 3  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAGP4</i></b>    |   | general purpose register word 4  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAGP5</i></b>    |   | general purpose register word 5  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAGP6</i></b>    |   | general purpose register word 6  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAGP7</i></b>    |   | general purpose register word 7  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAGP8</i></b>    |   | general purpose register word 8  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAGP9</i></b>    |   | general purpose register word 9  | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIAGP10</i></b>   |   | general purpose register word 10   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIGT1SVY</i></b>  |   | GT 1 Sun vector in y direction   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIGT1SVZ</i></b>  |   | GT 1 Sun vector in z direction   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIGT2SVY</i></b>  |   | GT 2 Sun vector in y direction   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIGT2SVZ</i></b>  |   | GT 2 Sun vector in z direction   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIGT3SVY</i></b>  |   | GT 3 Sun vector in y direction   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIGT3SVZ</i></b>  |   | GT 3 Sun vector in z direction   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIGT4SVY</i></b>  |   | GT 4 Sun vector in y direction   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIGT4SVZ</i></b>  |   | GT 4 Sun vector in z direction   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b><i>AIMGSHEN</i></b>  |   | shutter selector encoder reading   | 1.2 (ISP) |
| <b>INT_TIM</b>          | = | <b>INT_TIM</b> [= <i>AICFGDL4</i> - <i>AICFGDL3</i> (+ rollover), interval time between readout delay and shutter operation delay plus rollover] | 1.4       |
| <b>BSCALE</b>           |   | multiplier for data values   | 2         |
| <b>BZERO</b>            |   | offset for data values   | 2         |
| <b>QUALLEV1</b>         |   | Level-1 Quality word   | 2         |
| <b>FOVX1</b>            |   | Field of View in CUNITi 1020   | 2.1       |
| <b>FOVY1</b>            |   | Field of View in CUNITi 1020   | 2.1       |
| <b>FOVX2</b>            |   | Field of View in CUNITi 0  | 2.1       |
| <b>FOVY2</b>            |   | Field of View in CUNITi 0  | 2.1       |
| <b>CTYPE1</b>           |   | 'SOLARX'   | 2.1       |

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|-----------------|---|-----|
| <b>CTYPE2</b>   | 'SOLARY'  | 2.1 |
| <b>CROTA2</b>   | 0.0   | 2.1 |
| <b>CDELTA1</b>  | 0.5   | 2.1 |
| <b>CDELTA2</b>  | 0.5   | 2.1 |
| <b>CRPIX1</b>   | -357.291  | 2.1 |
| <b>CRPIX2</b>   | 850.624   | 2.1 |
| <b>CRVAL1</b>   | 0.0   | 2.1 |
| <b>CRVAL2</b>   | 0.0   | 2.1 |
| <b>CUNIT1</b>   | 'arcsec'  | 2.1 |
| <b>CUNIT2</b>   | 'arcsec'  | 2.1 |
| <b>CRDER1</b>   | Estimate of random error in 1 as CUNITi         | 2.1 |
| <b>CRDER2</b>   | Estimate of random error in 2 as CUNITi         | 2.1 |
| <b>CSYSER1</b>  | Estimate of systematic error in 1 as CUNITi     | 2.1 |
| <b>CSYSER2</b>  | Estimate of systematic error in 2 as CUNITi     | 2.1 |
| <b>RSUN_REF</b> | 960.0   | 2.1 |
| <b>X0</b>       | 2047.0  | 2.1 |
| <b>Y0</b>       | 2047.0  | 2.1 |
| <b>R_SUN</b>    | Radius of the Sun's image in pixels             | 2.1 |
| <b>SAT_ROT</b>  | Position angle of solar pole wrt the SDO Z axis | 2.1 |
| <b>INST_ROT</b> | Rotation of the camera from the SDO Z axis      | 2.1 |
| <b>IM_SCALE</b> | 0.5   | 2.1 |
| <b>XCEN1</b>    | 434.895   | 2.1 |
| <b>YCEN1</b>    | -169.062  | 2.1 |
| <b>TEMPCCD</b>  | Temp. at CCD                                    | 2.1 |
| <b>TEMPCEB</b>  | Temp. at common electronics box                 | 2.1 |
| <b>TEMPSMIR</b> | Temp. at secondary mirror                       | 2.1 |
| <b>TEMPPMIR</b> | Temp. at primary mirror                         | 2.1 |
| <b>PZTOFFS1</b> | PZT offset                                      | 2.1 |
| <b>PZTOFFS2</b> | PZT offset                                      | 2.1 |
| <b>PZTOFFS3</b> | PZT offset                                      | 2.1 |
| <b>DATAP01</b>  | 722.00000                                       | 2   |
| <b>DATAP10</b>  | 726.00000                                       | 2   |
| <b>DATAP25</b>  | 730.00000                                       | 2   |
| <b>DATAP75</b>  | 1094.0000                                       | 2   |

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|------------|-----------------|---|-----|
|            | <b>DATAP90</b>  | 1368.0000   | 2   |
|            | <b>DATAP95</b>  | 1662.0000   | 2   |
|            | <b>DATAP98</b>  | 2282.0000   | 2   |
|            | <b>DATAP99</b>  | 2826.0000   | 2   |
|            | <b>FILENAME</b> | Name of data file   | 2   |
|            | <b>LVL_NUM</b>  | Level number of image   | 2   |
|            | <b>REL_VER</b>  | Relative version number of reformatter, data, and/or metadata | 2   |
|            | <b>PIPELNVR</b> | Pipeline version  | 2   |
|            | <b>EXTEND</b>   | FITS file extension? T or F                                   | 2   |
|            | <b>COMMENT</b>  | Comment   | 2   |
|            | <b>HISTORY</b>  | ASCII history record, one or more                             | 2   |
| <b>END</b> | =               | <b>END</b>  | 1.4 |

**Appendix 1:** AIA Camera Exposure Time Calculation

Telemetry parameters required from AIA Image Status Packet:

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AIMGOTS = AIA_IMG_OBT_TIME_SH_SEC
AIMGOTSS = AIA_IMG_OBT_TIME_SH_SS
cmdexp = double(AIMGSHCE) = AIA_IMG_SH_CMDED_EXPOSURE
shopbc = double(AIMSHOBC) = AIA_IMG_SH_OPEN_BOT_CENTR
shopbe = double(AIMSHOBE) = AIA_IMG_SH_OPEN_BOT_EDGE
shoptc = double(AIMSHOTC) = AIA_IMG_SH_OPEN_TOP_CENTR
shopte = double(AIMSHOTE) = AIA_IMG_SH_OPEN_TOP_EDGE
shclbc = double(AIMSHCBC) = AIA_IMG_SH_CLOSE_BOT_CENTR
shclbe = double(AIMSHCBE) = AIA_IMG_SH_CLOSE_BOT_EDGE
shcltc = double(AIMSHCTC) = AIA_IMG_SH_CLOSE_TOP_CENTR
shclte = double(AIMSHCTE) = AIA_IMG_SH_CLOSE_TOP_EDGE

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**AIMGSHCE** is the commanded exposure (19 bits) starting from ~0.005 s (due to size of narrow shutter slit) in 0.001 s steps to 524.28 s [ $(2^{19} - 1) * 10^{-3} = 524287 * 10^{-3}$ ] (timings are from document AIA01259 rev H). The maximum exposure of the AIA shutter mechanism is ~268.4 s. The 24 bit shutter open and close time measurements have a resolution of 0.000004 s, starting at 0.000004 s up to ~67 s [ $(2^{24} - 1) * 4 * 10^{-6} = 67108860 * 10^{-6}$ ]. The commanded exposure value can be used to determine the rollover value. The expected value of the commanded exposure to the nearest 0.1 sec just before each of the three possible rollover steps is 67.1 s, 134.2 s, and 201.3 s, respectively. When **AIMGSHCE** is above any of these values it has rolled over 1, 2, or 3 times, respectively, and the number of rollovers multiplied by 67.108864 s needs to be added to the respective shutter close minus open time before averaging. Please note that the programmer needs to take care near the rollover steps because the hardware and/or software may not work quite the same as in the ideal case presented here.

The actual exposure is the average of the difference of the closing time minus the opening time for each of the four measurements positions, except when **AIMGSHCE** is less than 0.072 s, in which case the shutter mechanism is in its narrow slit mode. In the latter mode the narrow slit opening (smaller by 0.35) is utilized for one or more passes. The current operational planning calls for the shutter exposure to be about 5 s per image for each camera.

Using the above, together with Rock Bush's email of 28-Feb-08 on HMI T\_OBS and EXPTIME and John Serafin's email of 20-May-08 on a rollover algorithm in C, the following algorithm has been written in IDL for calculating the AIA camera shutter exposure time

for each camera, **EXPTIME**; standard deviation, **EXPSDEV**; the shutter open start time plus the middle of the exposure time, **T\_OBS**; and the date when the observation started, **DATE-OBS**.

; Computer quantities (note: all variables should be double precision and time is in seconds):

AIA\_Shutter\_Open\_Start\_Time = *AIMGOTS* + *AIMGOTSS* ;combine these in TAI

;Intermediate calculation variables:

cshclbc = shclbc + 67.108864d0 \* nrollct(cmdexp, shclbc) ;correct for rollovers  
 cshclbe = shclbe + 67.108864d0 \* nrollct(cmdexp, shclbe)  
 cshcltc = shcltc + 67.108864d0 \* nrollct(cmdexp, shcltc)  
 cshclte = shclte + 67.108864d0 \* nrollct(cmdexp, shclte)

shebc = cshclbc - shopbc ;close time – open time  
 shebe = cshclbe - shopbe  
 shetc = cshcltc - shoptc  
 shete = cshclte - shopte

mean = (shebc + shebe + shetc + shete)/4.0d0 ;mean and standard deviation  
 exp\_sd = sqrt(1/3 \* ((shebc-mean) \* (shebc-mean) + (shebe-mean) \* (shebe-mean) + \$  
 (shetc-mean) \* (shetc-mean) + (shete-mean) \* (shete-mean) )) ;continued from previous line

if (cmdexp lt 0.072d0) then begin ;in narrow slit mode  
 mean = mean \* 0.35  
 exp\_sd = expsd \* 0.35  
 endif

**EXPTIME** = mean ;AIA\_Shutter\_Exposure\_Time  
**EXPSDEV** = exp\_sd ;AIA\_Shutter\_Exposure\_SD

EXPTIME\_Offset = (cshclbc + shopbc + cshclbe + shopbe + cshcltc + shoptc + cshclte + \$ shopte)/8.0d0  
 ;continued from previous line

**T\_OBS** = AIA\_Shutter\_Open\_Start\_Time + EXPTIME\_Offset ;(add in seconds, calculate  
DATA\_OBS, then convert T\_OBS to UTC)

**DATE-OBS** = **T\_OBS** - (EXPTIME/2.0) ;(add in seconds then convert to  
UTC time)

Note: the T\_OBS time is the shutter open start time plus the middle of the exposure time. As such a shutter exposure offset is the mean of all the open and close times. The EXPTIME is the shutter open time duration. DATE-OBS is the date when observation started.

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;Rollover procedure nrollct
;for rollovers at 67.1, 134.2 and 201.3 with integers used below that are about one quarter of the
;interval away from the rollover values and thus not critical
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Pro nrollct, cmdexp, clostim

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If (cmdexp < 51.0) then return 0
If (cmdexp < 84.0) then if (clostim > 33.0) then return 0 else return 1
If (cmdexp < 117.0) then return 1
If (cmdexp < 151.0) then if (clostim > 33.0) then return 1 else return 2
If (cmdexp < 184.0) then return 2
If (cmdexp < 217.0) then if (clostim > 33.0) then return 2 else return 3
If (cmdexp < 251.0) then return 3
return if (clostim > 33.0) then return 3 else return 4
end
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