

ADCS SERIES

Integrated Attitude
Determination and **Control System**

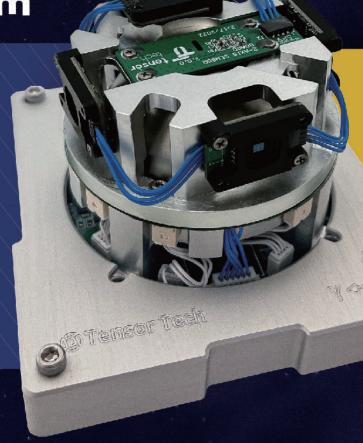
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The integrated Attitude Determination and Control Systems (ADCS) is designed for various CubeSat and SmallSat applications. It has multiple operating modes for various conditions:

- 1. Safe Mode: ADCS computer stays in sleep mode with the lowest current consumption and accessing sensor readouts including temperature and current.
- 2. Sun Tracking Mode: Orienting the face of the solar panel to the direction of the sun.
- 3. LVLH (Level-vertical Level-horizontal) Mode: Align the body frame with the orbital velocity and the earth pointing vector.
- **4. Fine Point Mode**: At each time stamp, the Onboard Computer (OBC) assigns an attitude quaternion and reference frame to control.
- 5. (Terrestrial Object) Target Tracking Mode: Control to target a ground object.

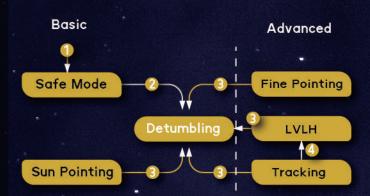
Operation Modes

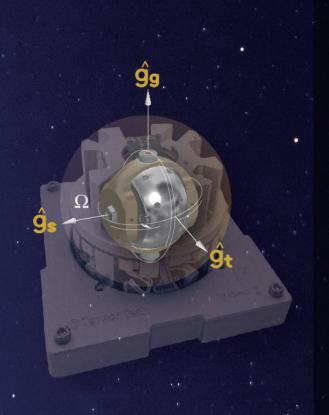
Condition Soft error or tumbling rate > 360 deg/second

Condition Tumbling rate between 5 deg/second to 360 deg/second and rotor speed > 5 rpm

Condition 3 Tumbling rate > 5 deg/second

Condition 🕢 Target lost





Variable-speed, single-gimbal CMG

Using gyroscopic moment instead of reaction wheel torque only

The rotor, spinning at a variable speed (Ω) and therefore provide reaction-wheel-torque, is mounted inside a gimbal (the golden part in the picture, a gimbal reference frame is defined upon it). The gimbal allows the rotor's spin axis (\hat{g}_s) to be tilted in different directions.

Therefore the direction of the angular momentum is changed and the spacecraft will experience a torque due to the conservation of angular momentum, this is called "gyroscopic moment".

The gyro moment can be provided in $\hat{g_t}$ direction when the gimbal is rotated in $\hat{g_g}$ direction. The gyro moment in $\hat{g_t}$ direction consumes far less mechanical power compare to reaction-wheel-torque because of its perpendicularity to the angular velocity vector.

ADCS-MTQ

Included Hardware



ADCS MCB + MTQ1 Suite Main Control Board



FSS-15M x 1

FSS-15 x 5

Optional Accessories

Pointing Knowledge

Sun Pointing Accuracy

Power Consumption @ 5V bus

Power Consumption @ 3.3V bus

Mechanical

Torque

Interface

GNSS Receiver

0.1 deg @ Sunlight 1 deg @ Eclipse

5 deg @ Sunlight

0.63 W

0.4 W

0.2 U (< 140 g)

0.01 mNm @ SSO

RS485 or UART

Integrated ADCS Specifications for up to 30 kg satellites







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Ontional Accessories

GNSS Receiver and Star Tracker

Optional Accessories	01133	3 Receiver und Star Tracker	
Pointing Knowledge	0.1 deg @ Sunlit 1 deg @ Eclipse	0.1 deg @ Sunlit 1 deg @ Eclipse	0.1 deg @ Sunlit 1 deg @ Eclipse
Pointing Accuracy	0.2 deg @ Sunlit 1 deg @ Eclipse	0.2 deg @ Sunlit 1 deg @ Eclipse	0.2 deg @ Sunlit 1 deg @ Eclipse
Power Consumption @ 5V bus	1.2 W	2.4 W	4.8 W
Power Consumption @ 3.3V bus	1 W	1.5 W	2.9 W
Mechanical	Tuna-can & 0.2U (< 450 g)	2 × Tuna-cans & 0.4U (< 1 kg)	4 × Tuna-cans & 0.8U (< 2 kg)
Angular Momentum Storage	10 mNms for 2-axis	20 mNms for 1-axis; 10 mNms for 2-axis	30 mNms for 2-axis; 20 mNms for 1-axis
Torque	1 mNm for 2-axis	2 mNm for 1-axis; 1 mNm for 2-axis	3 mNm for 2-axis; 2 mNm for 1-axis
Interface	RS485 or UART	RS485 or UART	RS485 or UART

ADCS designed for Earth Observation (EO) and Communication (CM)

for over 30 kg satellites



	ADCS-1EO	ADCS-1CM	ADCS-10EO	ADCS-10CM	
Satellite Motion Control Capabilities					
Absolute Pointing Accuracy (3-axis, 1-sigma)	< 50 arcsec	< 300 arcsec	< 50 arcsec	< 300 arcsec	
Relative Pointing Accuracy (3-axis, 1-sigma, 0.1s window time)	< 1 arcsec	< 10 arcsec	< 1 arcsec	< 10 arcsec	
Pointing Knowledge (3-axis, 1-sigma)	< 10 arcsec	< 100 arcsec	< 10 arcsec	< 100 arcsec	
Max Angular Acceleration	> 1 deg per second				
Max. Slew Rate	> 10 deg per second				
Attitude Acutuation Capabilities					
Max. Torque	0.5 Nm	0.5 Nm	5 Nm	5 Nm	
Max. Angular Momentum Storage	1 Nms	1 Nms	10 Nms	10 Nms	
Mechanical Characteristics					
Total Mass	10 kg	9 kg	30 kg	28 kg	
Dimension for the ADCS suite (cm)	~ 20 x 20 x 30	~ 20 x 20 x 25	~ 40 x 40 x 30	~ 40 x 40 x 25	
Operation Temperature Range	-20 ~ 80 deg C				
Total lonizing Dose (TID)	> 25 krad				
Random Vibration	> 8 Grms				
Electrical Characteristics					
Communication Interface	RS485				
Attitude Determination Update Rate	> 10 Hz				
Require Voltage Bus		28	V		
System Power Consumpiton, IDLE		< 5	W		
System Power Consumption, Max.	< 100 W	< 100 W	< 400 W	< 400 W	
System Power Consumption @ 100% full angular momentum	< 20 W	< 20 W	< 100 VV	< 100 W	
Suitable Satellite Mass	50 ~ 100 kg 100 ~ 300 kg				

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