

## ATA's Nanoradian-Class Rotational Sensors

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### **About ATA**



### ATA's driving force is Technology / Know-How

Proactively Leverage Our Leading-Edge Precision Sensing, Measurement and Controls Application Know-How into Viable Custom Solutions, Services and Tests

#### Successful Small Business

- Founded in 1975
- -~250 Employees
- Multiple National Small Business Awards
- ISO 9001:2008 Certified
- Approved Aerospace Vendor
- Space-Qualified Hardware

### Operating Sites in New Mexico

- Albuquerque (HQ)
- Kirtland AFB Satellite I&T Facilities
- WSMR Test Facilities

### ATA is a Proven Technology Company for Challenging Problems



## ATA Overview Cont'd

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## Raytheon





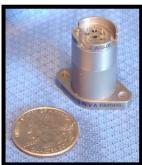
- ISO 9001 Certified
- Class 10,000 Clean Room
- Approved Vendor
  - Ball Aerospace
  - Lockheed Martin
  - Boeing
  - Raytheon
- Produced Space Qualified Hardware
  - Lockheed Martin
  - Boeing
  - Raytheon
  - Sandia National Laboratories



### Overview

 ATA has a History of Inventing Precision Angular Inertial Sensors in Response to Customer Requests or Internally Identified Needs



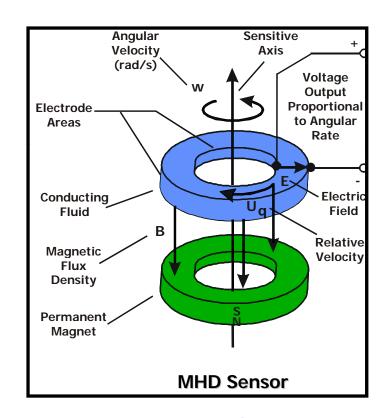








## MHD ARS Sensing Concept



### **High Performance**

High Bandwidth: > 1,000 Hz

Low Noise Floor: <100 nrad NEA (1-1kHz)

High Dynamic Range: > 100 dB

Low Cross-Axis Sensitivity

### Simple Design

Small Size: 1.0 x 1.0 x 1.3"

Low Weight: 100 grams

Low Power: < 0.3 Watts

Rugged Design: > 1,000 g

 The MHD Concept Resulted From an Air Force Request for Alternate Angular Sensing Techniques



## Augmenting Sensors with Other Technologies

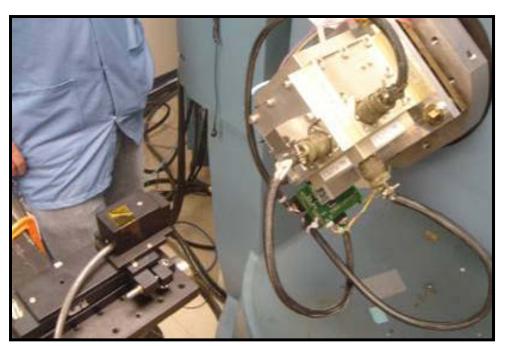


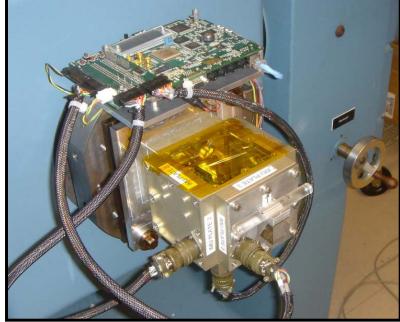
- Radiation-Tolerant Design (100Krad Environment)
- ATA Designed and Implemented FPGA Processing Architecture, Collaborated in Board Design



## Microradian-Class Testing

 ATA has Developed Test Facilities and Techniques Suitable for High Precision Motion Testing







## **ARS Specifications**





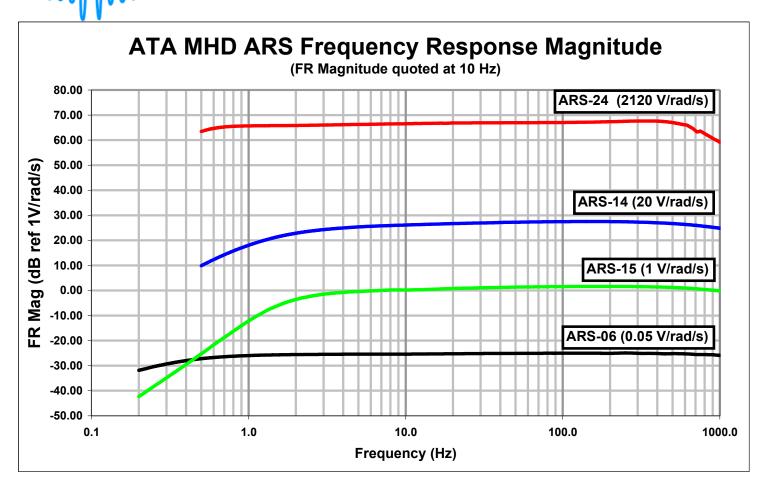




| Model                | ARS-06             | ARS-15            | ARS-14             | ARS-24               |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Range                | <u>+</u> 200 rad/s | <u>+</u> 10 rad/s | <u>+</u> 0.5 rad/s | <u>+</u> 0.005 rad/s |
| Scale Factor         | 50mv/rad/s         | 1 V/rad/s         | 20 V/rad/s         | 2120 V/rad/s         |
| -3dB Bandwidth       | 0.4 - 1kHz         | 4 – 1kHz          | 1 – 1 kHz          | 1 – 675 Hz           |
| Rate Noise, 1-1kHz   | 4.7 mrad/s         | 27 μrad/s         | 2.8 µrad/s         | 0.36 µrad/s          |
| Displ. Noise, 1-1kHz | 50 µrad            | 0.8 µrad          | 40 nrad            | 5 nrad               |
| Dimensions (inches)  | 0.7 x 1            | 0.8 x 0.8 x 1.2   | 1 x 1.3 x 2.9      | 2 x 2 x 4            |
| Mass (grams)         | 35                 | 60                | 200                | 2000                 |



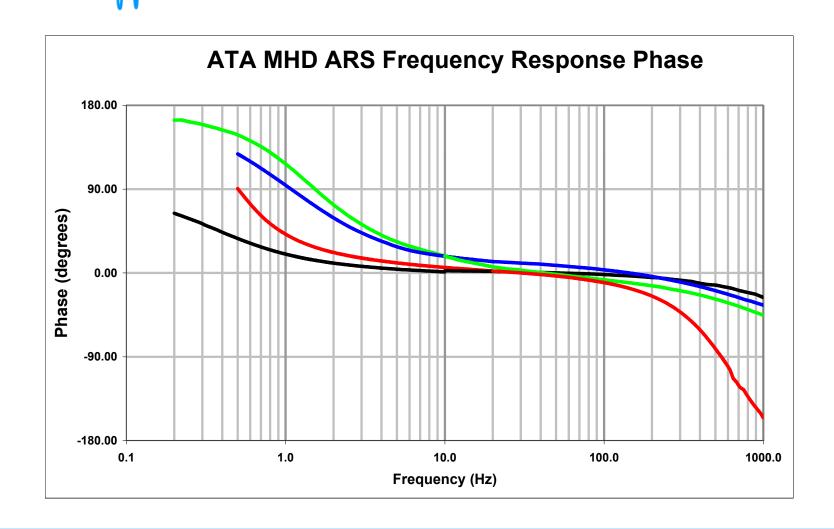
## Frequency Response Magnitude



### Sensor Scale Factor is Configurable

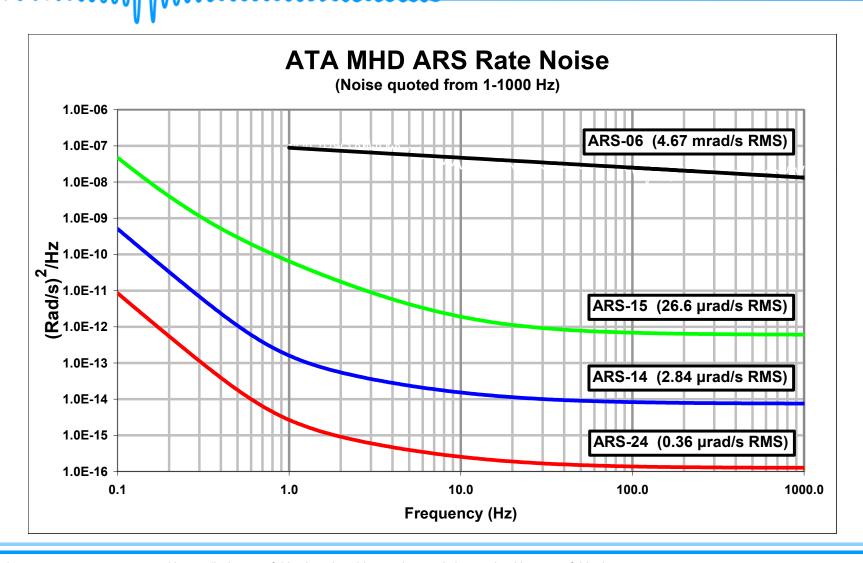


# ATA Frequency Response Phase



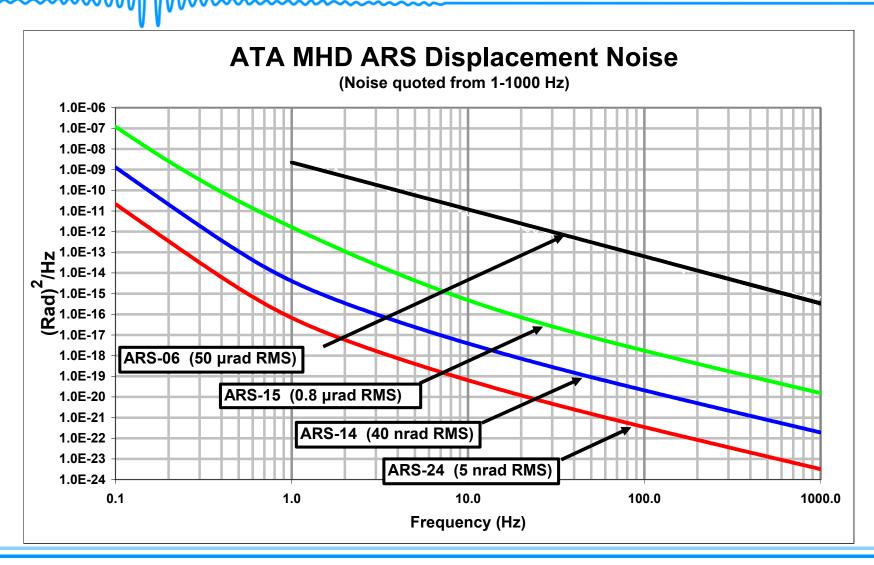


### Rate Noise





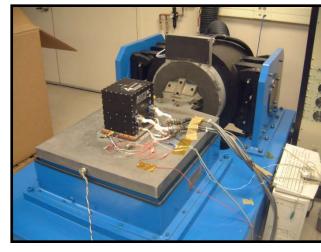
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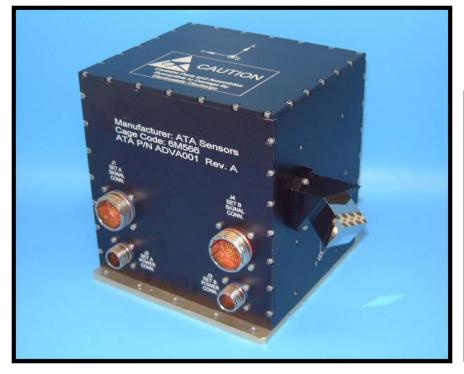


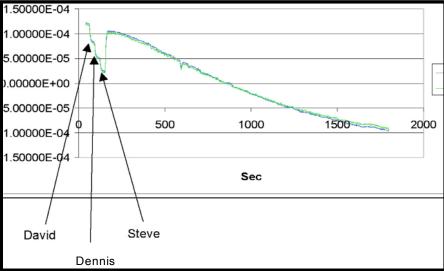


## 0.1 µG Accelerometer

 These Radiation Hardened Tri-axial DC Accelerometer Units can Measure Microradian-Level Tilts in the Presence of Strong Background Acceleration (>0.25g rms).

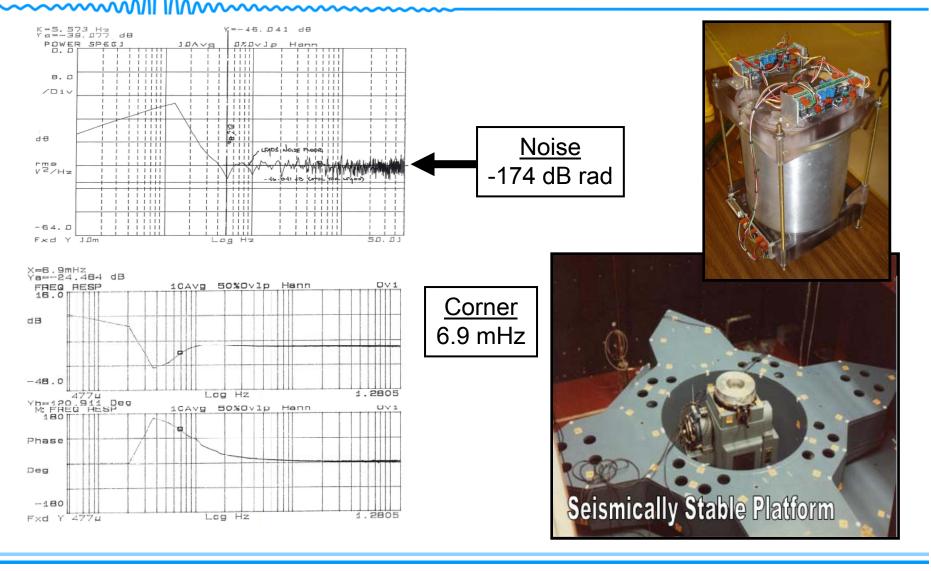








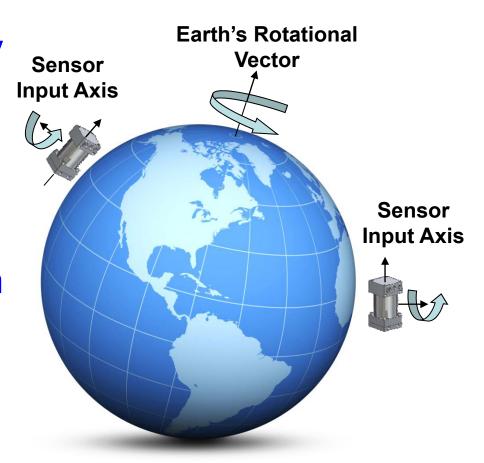
## Seismically Stable Platform Tilt Sensor (1990)





### MHD-Based Northfinder

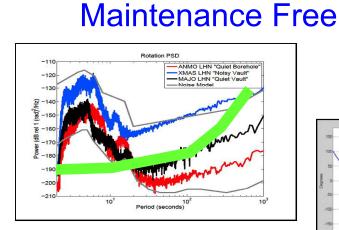
- Current Effort Underway to Develop a 1 mrad Northfinder
- At Any Given
   Orientation, the Sensor
   Measures the Projection
   of the Earth's Rotational
   Vector onto the Sense
   Vector

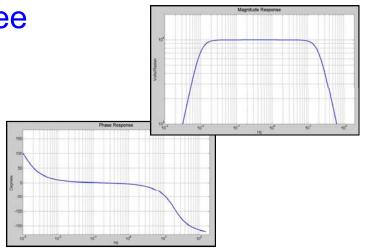


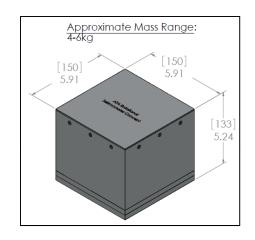


## Low Frequency Improved Torsional Seismometer

- Current Effort Underway to Develop Torsional Seismometer that
  - Directly Measures Rotation Angle
  - Is Insensitive to Translational Motion
  - Has High Sensitivity, Wide Frequency
     Band, and Low Power, is Rugged and is







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|--|---|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Low Frequency Improved Torsional Seismometer (LFITS) |   |                               |  |  |  |
| SPECIFICATIONS                                       |   |                               |  |  |  |
| Parameter  | Value   | Units                         |  |  |  |
| GENERAL  |   |                               |  |  |  |
| Resolution @ 1 Hz                                    | < 1   | nanoradians                   |  |  |  |
| Dynamic Range  | > 120   | dB                            |  |  |  |
| Noise Equivalent Angle (NEA)                         | < 1.5   | nanoradians rms, 0.01 -20     |  |  |  |
| Sensitivity  | 10 <sup>4</sup> Nom, 10 <sup>3</sup> to 10 <sup>5</sup> | volts/radian                  |  |  |  |
| Frequency  | 0.01 to 20  | Hz , -3dB points              |  |  |  |
| Analog Output Signal Swing                           | ±2.5 to ±10.0   | Volts, adjustable output      |  |  |  |
| Serial Digital Output Logic                          | Adjustable (1.2 to 5)                                   | volts                         |  |  |  |
| Resolution   | 24  | bits                          |  |  |  |
| Serial Data Stream Format                            | SPI or I <sup>2</sup> C                                 |                               |  |  |  |
| ENVIRONMENTAL  |   |                               |  |  |  |
| Operational Temperature                              | -45 to +60  | degrees C                     |  |  |  |
| Temperature Scale Factor                             | TBD   | ppm/C                         |  |  |  |
| Shock Survival                                       | TBD   | g peak, 11 ms half sine       |  |  |  |
| Vibration Survival                                   | TBD   | g <sup>2</sup> /Hz, 1-1000 Hz |  |  |  |
| Humidity   | TBD   | % relative humidity           |  |  |  |
| MECHANICAL   |   |                               |  |  |  |
| Housing Standard                                     | 20L x 20W x 10D   | cm                            |  |  |  |
| Weight (Al housing)                                  | < 2.0   | kilogram                      |  |  |  |
| Connector  | TBD   |                               |  |  |  |
| POWER  |   |                               |  |  |  |
| Supply Voltage                                       | 9 to 14   | volts dc                      |  |  |  |
| Supply Current                                       | < 100   | mA                            |  |  |  |
| Power Dissipation                                    | ~ 1 to 1.5  | W                             |  |  |  |



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