SURES hexapod

High resolution high rigidity hexapod for astronomy



KEY FEATURES

- Payload capacity up to 500 kg
- Low cross coupling motions
- Operational in any orientation
- Operational at high altitude
- Absolute encoders



APPLICATIONS

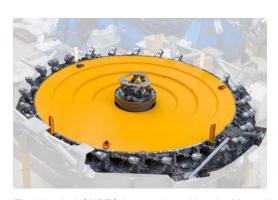
- Astronomy
- Positioning of mirror of telescope
- High accuracy positioning
- Antenna qualification
- Optical adjustment



SURES hexapod positions the 450 kg secondary mirror of OAJ T250 telescope in Spain with 0.35 µm linear and 0.5 arcsec angular resolutions. The SURES hexapod for OAJ has a 920 mm diameter.



ARIES telescope is installed in Nainital in India. With a primary mirror of 3.6 m diameter, it is the largest optical centre in the country. Cross-coupling of SURES hexapod is less than 0.7 arcsec in tip-tilt during centering or focus.



Two identical SURES hexapods position the M2 and M3 mirrors of DAG 4m telescope in Turkey. They realign the optics in order to compensate relative displacements due to gravity and temperature change during observation. Thus they improve the imaging quality of the telescope.

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Motion and positioning		
Travel range Tx, Ty (mm)	± 8	
Travel range Tz (mm)	± 6	
Travel range Rx, Ry, Rz (°)	±1	
Resolution Tx, Ty, Tz (µm)	0.1	
Resolution Rx, Ry, Rz (µrad)	1	
Repeatability Tx, Ty (µm)	± 0.25	
Repeatability Tz (µm)	± 0.13	
Repeatability Rx, Ry, Rz (µrad)	± 0.5	
Mechanical properties		
Payload capacity (kg) (with orientation from 0° to 90°)	up to 500	
Motor type	Brushless motor	
Encoder type	Absolute encoder	
Miscellaneous		
Operating temperature range (°C)	-20 to + 40	
Humidity level (%)	up to 100	
Materials	Aluminum, steel, stainless steel	
Size mobile platform (mm)	Ø 690	
Height in middle position (mm)	360	
Mass (kg)	117	
Cable length (m)	10 (longer on request)	
Options	Outdoor Customized platform design Scalable size Hand-held control unit	
Controller		
Controller type	ALPHA+ custom	
Interface	Ethernet	
Power supply	120-240 VAC / 50-60 Hz	

The performances are specified for single axis motions, with all other axes at midrange and for a rotation center in the middle of the mobile platform.

