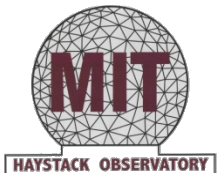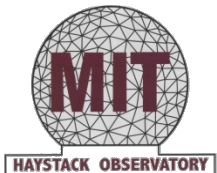# Mark5 Software Status

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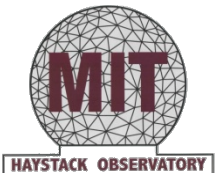
Recording Software

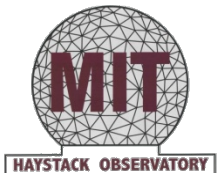- SDK9.3a
- Mark5 A/B/B+
- Mark5C

SDK9.X

- Latest released version 9.2
- Under test 9.3a
    - Standard SDK9.3 with
        - New firmware for controller cards
        - Updated header file to support Mark5C
- New Firmware fixes bug and allows:
    - Using disks > 2 TB (Discussed on VLBI forum)
        - Problem was using 32 bit vs 64 bit address space.
        - 64 bit address space was SDK's interface to applications
        - (16.35 for Amazon and 13.04 XF2) your operations will be impacted.
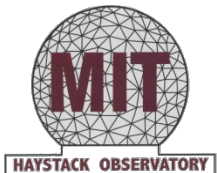
SDK9.X

- >2TB drives
  - New Versions are:
    - Version 16.37 (Amazon) or 13.05 (XF2)
  - Question, why the delay in rolling out this new firmware?,
    - The data MUST be read from the disk with a Mark5 system that has the same or later version firmware
    - Correlators have to be updated first before stations
      - Here is the issue.
    - Planned rollout will be posted on the forum next week.
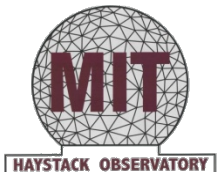
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- 4Gbps data speeds without dropping data
  - Size of disk write buffers are increased from 64K to 256K.
  - Planned for Mark5C and 4Gbps operations only
  - New Mark5C commands
    - reset = lberase (for large buffer configuration)
    - reset = sberase (for resetting a disk to small buffer)
  - What this command does is provide a software switch to change the mode of the Amazon card
    - Board type AMAZON-VP to AMAZON-P
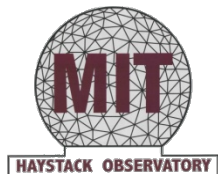   - Must be careful with mixed mode operations

SDK9.X

- Modules can be conditioned on any version of SDK and system (Mark5A/5B/5C)
  - Haystack has a general rule when working with SDK9 and being unsure where the disk modules come from
    - EV2E
      - Erase, VSN, Erase, Erase
  - This will guarantee a seamless transition between systems and SDK version
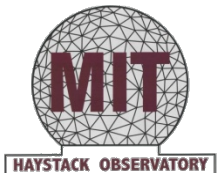   - Removes any problems

Mark5A/B/B+

- Mark5A/5B/5B+ software
  - Under test to supports SDK9.3a
  - Other features to be added in release to support CONT14
    - >1024 scan support for user directory
      - reset=lgerase
    - Checks for commands issued while record=on is active
      - Return last read information
    - scan_set based upon time settings

Mark5C

- Latest available version is 0.9.22-1
  - Fully support 4Gbps recording with large disk writes
  - Requires new Streamstor package version 9.3.a to take advantage of large block writes
    - Flash upgrades to Amazon card
- Version 0.9.23-1
  - This version will be tested / released with FS
  - Will work with Ed next week to finalize.

Thank you / Questions?