

Scientific Detectors for Astronomy

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Teledyne – NASA's Partner in Astronomy





NICMOS, WFC3, ACS Repair

Bands 1 & 2



NIRCam, NIRSpec, FGS







JDEM Joint Dark Energy Mission

JWST - James Webb Space Telescope 15 Teledyne 2K×2K infrared arrays on board (~63 million pixels)



FGS (Fine Guidance Sensors)



3 individual MWIR 2Kx2K

- Acquisition and guiding
- Images guide stars for telescope stabilization
- Canadian Space Agency



- International collaboration
- 6.5 meter primary mirror and tennis court size sunshield
- 2013 launch on Ariane 5 rocket
- L2 orbit (1.5 million miles from Earth)

JWST will find the "first light" objects after the Big Bang, and will study how galaxies, stars and planetary systems form

NIRSpec (Near Infrared Spectrograph)



1x2 mosaic of MWIR 2Kx2K

- Spectrograph
- Measures chemical composition, temperature and velocity
- European Space Agency / NASA





- Wide field imager
- Studies morphology of objects and structure of the universe
- U. Arizona / Lockheed Martin



Wide Field Camera 3 Hubble Space Telescope



- High quality, substrate-removed 1.7 µm HgCdTe arrays delivered to Goddard Space Flight Center
- Will be installed in Hubble Space Telescope in 2009
- Nearly 30x increase in HST discovery efficiency



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Quantum Efficiency	= 85-90%
Dark current (145K)	= 0.02 e-/pix/sec
Readout noise	= 25 e- (single CDS

CRISM **Compact Reconnaissance Imaging Spectrometer for Mars**

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NASA's and NOAA's Partner for Earth Observation



Visible to 16.5 microns



Moon Mineralogy Mapper - Visible / Near Infrared Imaging Spectrometer launched Wednesday, October 22, 2008



shipment to India

Focal Plane Assembly



Sensor Chip Assembly



2 year mission will map the entire lunar surface



Moon Mineralogy Mapper resolves visible and infrared to 10 nm spectral resolution, 70 m spatial resolution



Journey Earth to Moon 100 km altitude lunar orbit

Completion of Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft integration Moon Mineralogy Mapper is white square at end of arrow





Chandrayaan-1 in the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle

Launch from Satish **Dhawan Space Centre**

Teledyne Infrared FPA

- 640 x 480 pixels (27 µm pitch)
- Substrate-removed HgCdTe (0.4 to 3.0 µm)
- 650,000 e- full well, <100 e- noise
- · 100 Hz frame rate (integrate while read)
- < 70 mW power dissipation
- · Package includes order sorting filter
- · Total FPA mass: 58 grams





Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO)

- The Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO) is a NASA mission that will provide:
 - precise, time-dependent global measurements of atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) from an Earth orbiting satellite.
 - distribution of CO₂ over the entire globe, enable more reliable forecasts of future changes and their effect on the Earth's climate.
- The OCO is planned to launch in January 2009 with a planned operational life of 2 years.







Teledyne Focal Plane Arrays

- Three flight FPAs (and flight spares):
 - O_2A band at 0.758-0.772 μm
 - weak CO $_2$ band at 1.594 -1.619 μm
 - strong CO₂ band at 2.042-2.082 μm
- Hawaii-1RG readout is used for both HyViSI and SWIR FPAs with same mechanical and nearly same electrical interface for all three OCO spectrometers.

Leading Supplier of IR Arrays To Ground-based Astronomy

- H2RG (2048×2048 pixels) is the leading IR FPA in ground-based IR astronomy
- 4096×4096 pixel mosaic commissioned at European Southern Observatory in July 2007
 - 6th mosaic at major telescope, two more mosaics to be commissioned in 2009





Energy of a photon

Wavelength (µm)	Energy (eV)	Band
0.3	4.13	UV
0.5	2.48	Vis
0.7	1.77	Vis
1.0	1.24	NIR
2.5	0.50	SWIR
5.0	0.25	MWIR
10.0	0.12	LWIR
20.0	0.06	VLWIR

- Energy of photons is measured in electron-volts (eV)
- eV = energy that an electron gets when it "falls" through a 1 volt field.

An electron-volt (eV) is extremely small

 $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J} \text{ (J = joule)}$

 $1 J = N \cdot m = kg \cdot m \cdot sec^{-2} \cdot m$

1 kg raised 1 meter = $9.8 \text{ J} = 6.1 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ eV}$

- The energy of a photon is **VERY** small
 - The energy of a SWIR (2.5 μ m) photon is 0.5 eV
- Drop a peanut M&M[®] candy from a height of 5 cm
 - Energy is equal to $6 \times 10^{15} \text{ eV}$ (a peanut M&M[®] is ~2 g)
 - This is equal to 1.2×10^{16} SWIR photons
 - 1 million x 1 million x 12,000
 - The number of photons that will be detected in ~1 million images from the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)
 - A 2-inch peanut M&M[®] drop is about same energy that will be detected during the 5 years operation of the James Webb Space Telescope !

E = hv

h = Planck constant (6.6310⁻³⁴ Joule•sec)

v = frequency of light (cycles/sec) = λ/c



Hybrid CMOS Infrared Imaging Sensors



Large, high performance IR arrays <u>Three Key Technologies</u>

- 1. Growth and processing of the HgCdTe detector layer
- Design and fabrication of the CMOS readout integrated circuit (ROIC)
- 3. Hybridization of the detector layer to the CMOS ROIC



6 Steps of CMOS-based Optical / IR Photon Detection





Crystals are excellent detectors of light

Structure of An Atom



- Simple model of atom
 - Protons (+) and neutrons in the nucleus with electrons orbiting



Silicon crystal lattice

- Electrons are trapped in the crystal lattice
 - by electric field of protons
- Light energy can free an electron from the grip of the protons, allowing the electron to roam about the crystal
 - creates an "electron-hole" pair.
- The photocharge can be collected and amplified, so that light is detected
- The light energy required to free an electron depends on the material.



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Tunable Wavelength: Unique property of HgCdTe

Hg_{1-x}Cd_xTe Modify ratio of Mercury and Cadmium to "tune" the bandgap energy





G. L. Hansen, J. L. Schmidt, T. N. Casselman, J. Appl. Phys. 53(10), 1982, p. 7099

Absorption Depth of Photons in HgCdTe





Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) Growth of HgCdTe





RIBER 3-in MBE Systems



3 inch diameter platen allows growth on one 6x6 cm substrate



RIBER 10-in MBE 49 System



10 inch diameter platen allows simultaneous growth on four 6x6 cm substrates



More than 7500 HgCdTe wafers grown to date



HgCdTe Cutoff Wavelength



<u>"Standard" Ground-based astronomy cutoff wavelengths</u>						
Near infrared (NIR)	1.75 µm	J,H				
Short-wave infrared (SWIR)	2.5 µm	J,H,K				
Mid-wave infrared (MWIR)	5.3 µm	J,H,K,L,M				



6 Steps of CMOS-based Optical / IR Photon Detection





HgCdTe hybrid FPA cross-section (substrate removed)





Hybrid Imager Architecture



Cosmic Rays and Substrate Removal

• Cosmic ray events produce clouds of detected signal due to particle-induced flashes of infrared light in the CdZnTe substrate; removal of the substrate eliminates the effect



2.5um cutoff, substrate on

1.7um cutoff, substrate on

1.7um cutoff, substrate off

Substrate Removal Positive Attributes

- 1. Higher QE in the near infrared
- 2. Visible light response
- 3. Eliminates cosmic ray fluorescence
- 4. Eliminates CTE mismatch with silicon ROIC



Quantum Efficiency of substrate-removed HgCdTe



Example Anti-reflection coatings for HgCdTe





Dark Current Undesirable byproduct of light detecting materials



- The vibration of particles (includes crystal lattice phonons, electrons and holes) has energies described by the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution. Above absolute zero, some vibration energies may be larger than the bandgap energy, and will cause electron transitions from valence to conduction band.
- Need to cool detectors to limit the flow of electrons due to temperature, i.e. the <u>dark</u> <u>current</u> that exists in the absence of light.
- The smaller the bandgap, the colder the required temperature to limit dark current below other noise sources (e.g. readout noise)

Dark Current of MBE HgCdTe





HgCdTe cutoff wavelength (microns)

6 Steps of CMOS-based Optical / IR Photon Detection





MOSFET Principles

MOSFET = metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistor



Fluctuations in current flow produce "readout noise" Fluctuations in reset level on gate produces "reset noise"

IR multiplexer pixel architecture



IR multiplexer pixel architecture





Reduction of noise from multiple samples







CDS = correlated double sample

General Architecture of CMOS-Based Image Sensors



Pixel Amplifier Options





High Performance Hybrid CMOS Arrays

High Quality MBE HgCdTe + High Performance CMOS Design + Large Area Hybridization



HAWAII-2RG 2048×2048 pixels







HAWAII-2RG (H2RG)

- 2048×2048 pixels, 18 micron pitch
- 1, 2, 4, 32 ports
- "R" = reference pixels (4 rows/cols at edge)
- "G" = guide window
- Low power: <1 mW (4 port, 100 kHz rate)
- Detector material: HgCdTe or Si
- Interfaces directly to the SIDECAR ASIC
- Qualified to NASA TRL-6
 - Vibration, radiation, thermal cycling
 - Radiation hard to ~100 krad



The SIDECAR ASIC – Focal Plane Electronics on a Chip



SIDECAR: System for Image Digitization, Enhancement, Control And Retrieval



SIDECAR ASIC – Focal Plane Electronics on a Chip



Spaceflight packaging: JWST Fine Guidance Sensor



FPA - Backside - Cover Removed



Light Facing Side - Scene

- Package for H2RG 2048x2048 pixel array
- TRL-6 spaceflight qualified
- Interfaces directly to the SIDECAR ASIC
- Robust, versatile package







- PINHOLE EYES | SILICONE OP onlinear **Spatial Solitons** Report from OFC/NFOI **High Performance** Infrared Foca Plane Arrays OSA'
- Thermally isolated FPA can be stabilized to 1 mK when cold finger fluctuates several deg K



SIDECAR ASIC & large mosaic focal plane arrays



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HyViSI[™] – Hybrid Visible Silicon Imager



Focal plane array performance independently verified by:

- Rochester Institute of Technology
- European Southern Observatory
- US Naval Observatory & Goddard Space Flight Center

Readout noise, at 100 kHz pixel rate

• 7 e- single CDS, with reduction by multiple sampling Pixel operability > 99.99%



HyViSI Array Formats





Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO)





TCM 6604A 640×480 pixels 27 μm pitch CTIA



TEC Package by Judson

High Speed, Low Noise, Event Driven Readout



Large IR Astronomy Focal Plane Development The Next Step: 4096×4096 pixels

- 4096×4096 pixels, 15 μ m pitch with embedded SIDECAR ASIC
- Design readout circuit for high yield (4 ROICs per 8-inch wafer)
 - New design process
- Minimize detector cost by growing HgCdTe on silicon substrate
- 4-side buttable for large mosaics
- Option: SIDECAR ASIC integrated into SCA package









Teledyne – Your Imaging Partner for Astronomy & Civil Space



CMOS Design Expertise

- Pixel amplifiers lowest noise to highest flux
- High level of pixel functionality (LADAR, event driven)
- Large 2-D arrays, pushbroom, redundant pixel design
- Hybrids made with HgCdTe, Si, or InGaAs
- Monolithic CMOS

- Analog-to-digital converters
- · Imaging system on a chip
- Specialized ASICs
- Radiation hard
- Very low power

