

# Detector Development for SNAP Dark Energy Space Mission Concept

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  - Fermi National Accelerator Lab
  - GSFC / DCL
  - France IN2P3 Marseilles
  - France Lyons
  - JPL
  - LBNL
  - University of Michigan
  - RIT / RIDL
  - SLAC National Accelerator Lab
  - Space Sciences Lab / UC Berkeley
  - STScI / IDL
  - Yale
- and vendor work
  - Raytheon Vision Systems
  - Teledyne Imaging Sensors

# What is SNAP?

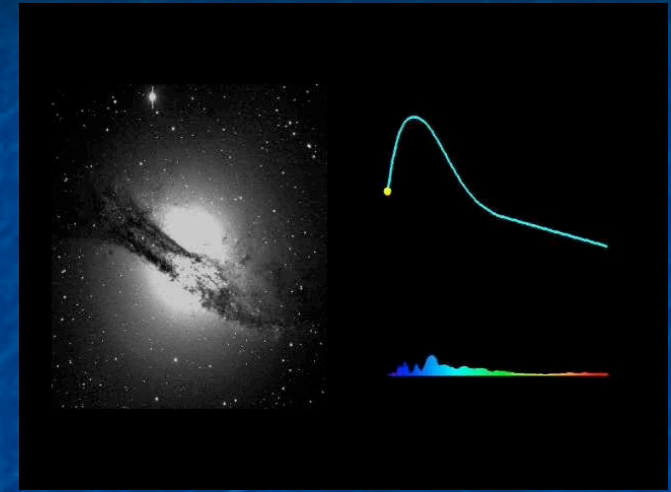


- SNAP is a DOE dark energy space mission concept based, first proposed in 1999, and based heavily on Type Ia SNe.
- Starting in 2002, the US Dept of Energy provided support for concept development and instrument R&D.
- SNAP has evolved over the last 10 years to accommodate new measurement techniques – new collaborators with new ideas.
- Final incarnation is what I will be show here.
  
- SNAP is not JDEM.
- JDEM is a joint DOE–NASA effort by their respective project offices to come up with an affordable mission concept and implementation plan.
  
- The hope is that the work that I review here will help inform that decision making process.

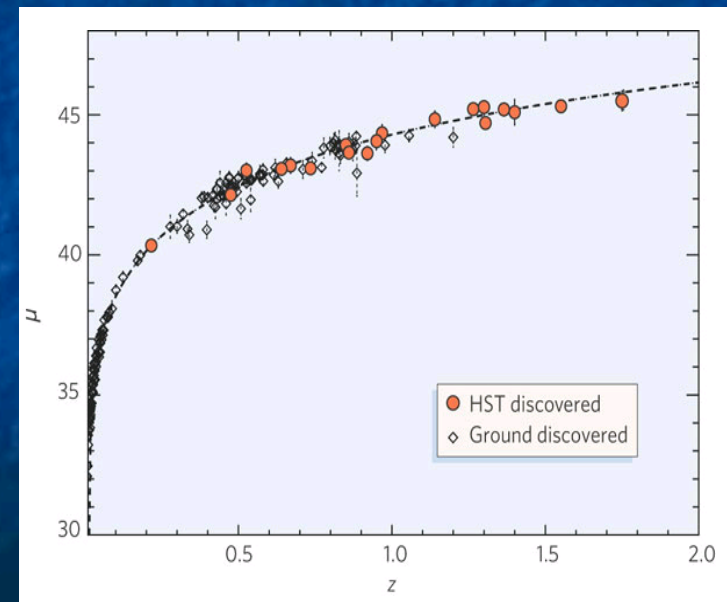
# Type Ia Supernovae Observables



- ~2000 Type Ia SNe by from repetitive scan of a small field.
- This automatically yields a time sequence of light curves.
- Acquire a spectrum at peak brightness.



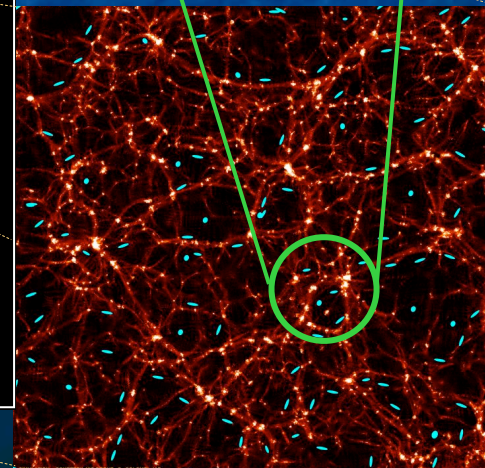
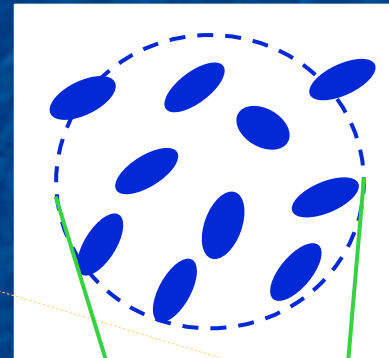
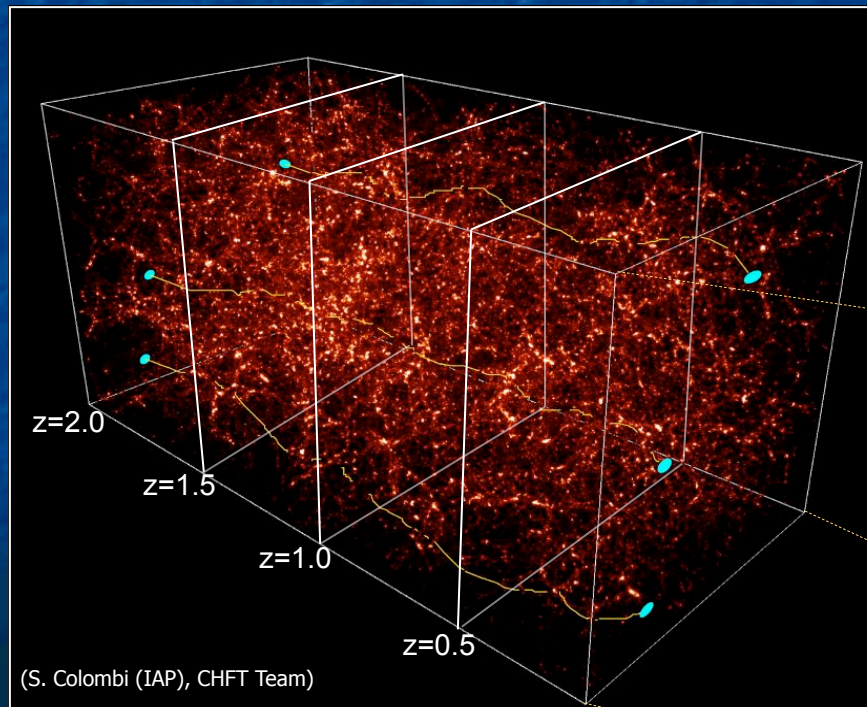
- The dark energy action is most evident below  $z \sim 1.5$ .
- Supernova spectral features fall in the range of 400–1700 nm.
- Multi-band photometry.



# Weak Lensing Observables



- Measure the ellipticities of 100 of millions of galaxies to 0.001.
- Galaxy redshifts determined photometrically (5% precision) based on spectrographic redshift calibration for a few  $10^5$  galaxies.
- Form a power spectrum of ellipticity – ellipticity angular correlations.
- Most measurements done below 1000 nm, but NIR also valuable.
- NIR required to minimize *catastrophic photo-z's*.

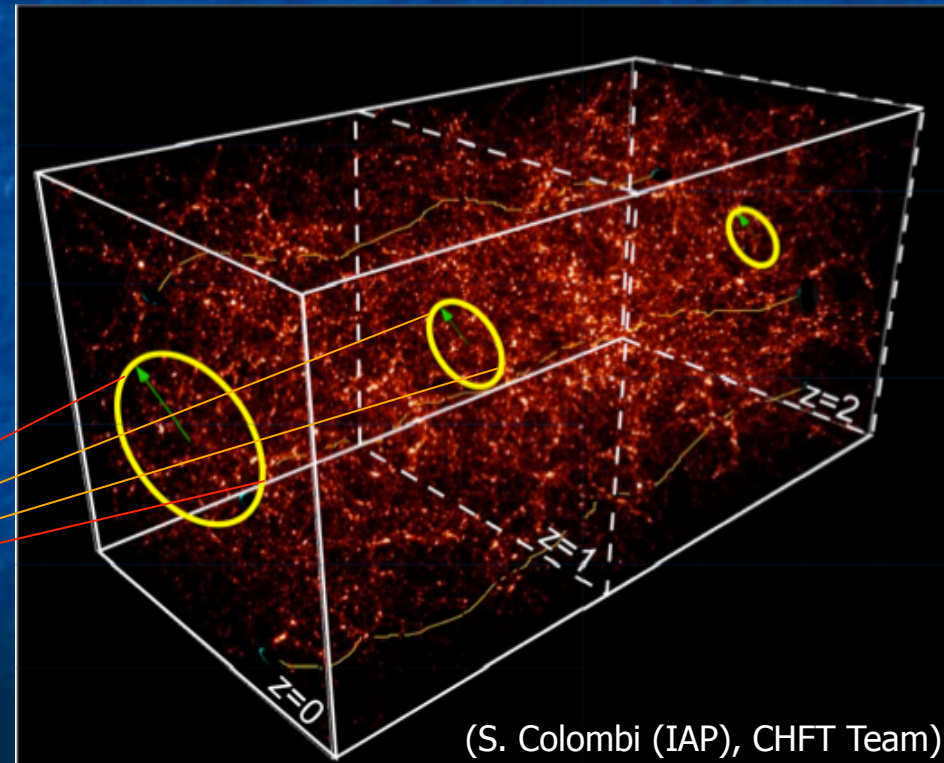
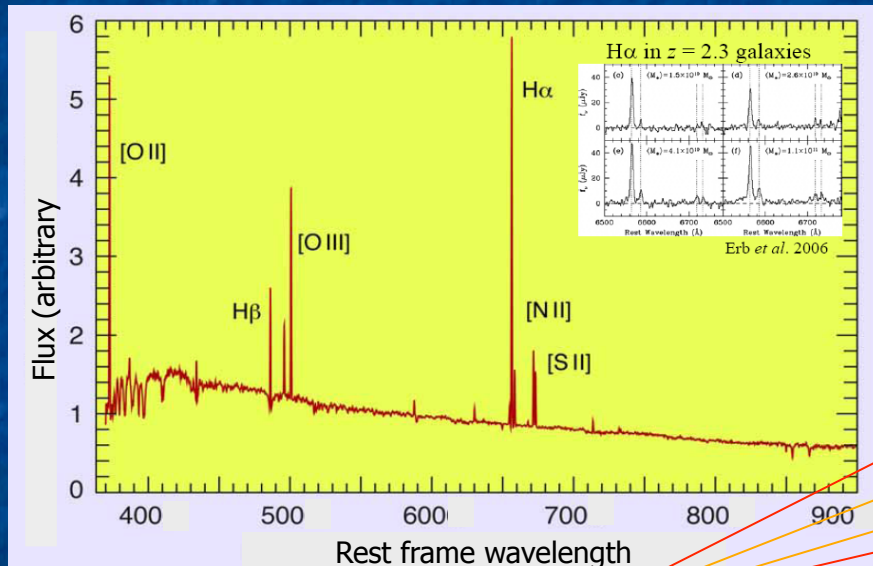


# BAO Observables



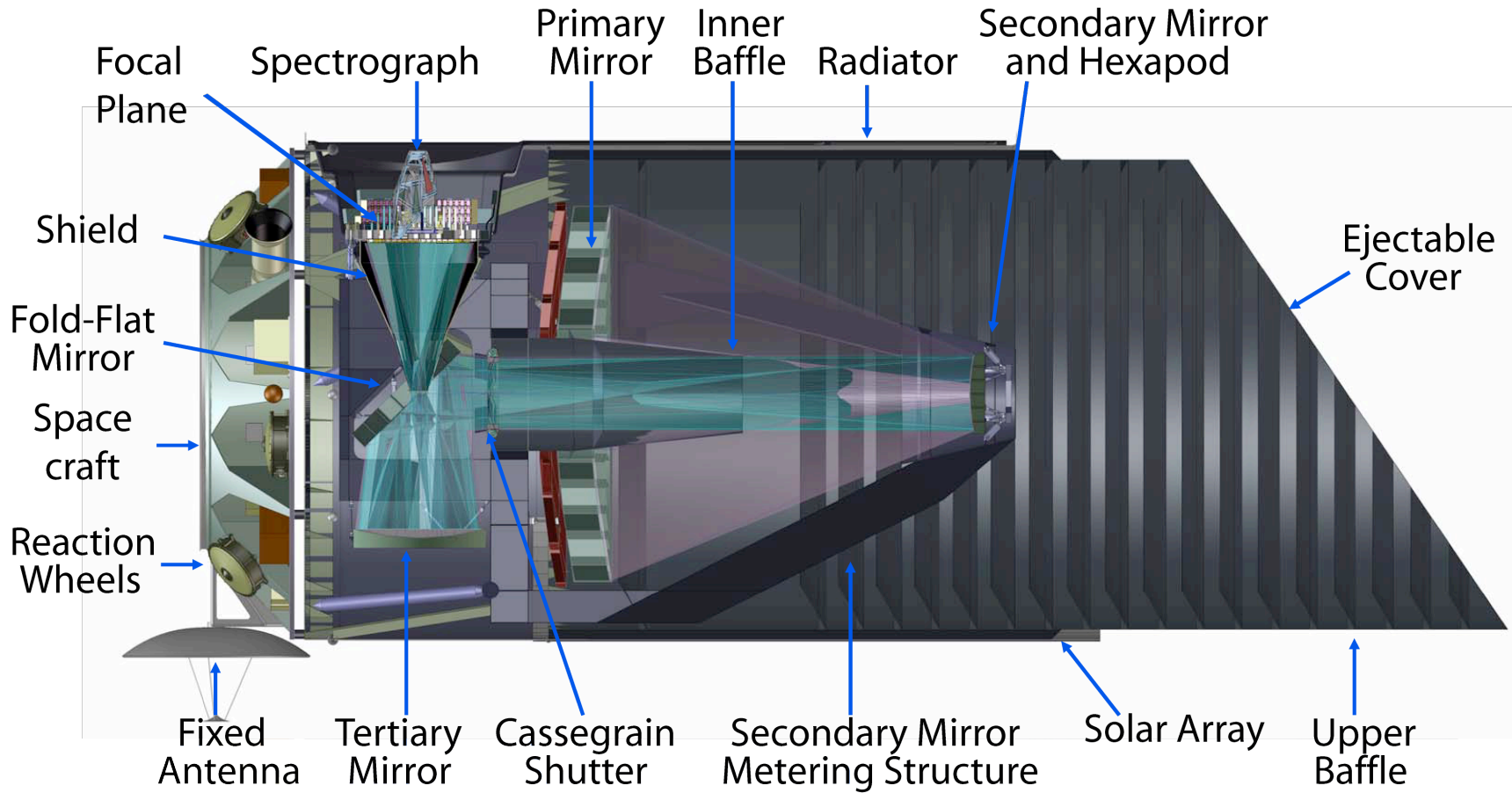
Look for galaxies at a common redshift that cluster on an annulus.  
The redshifts (0.3% precision) come from looking at emission lines.  
The angular radius corresponds to the standard ruler (measurement along line of sight is also contains BAO signal).

Ha line measured with  $R \sim 300$  from 900–1700 nm.

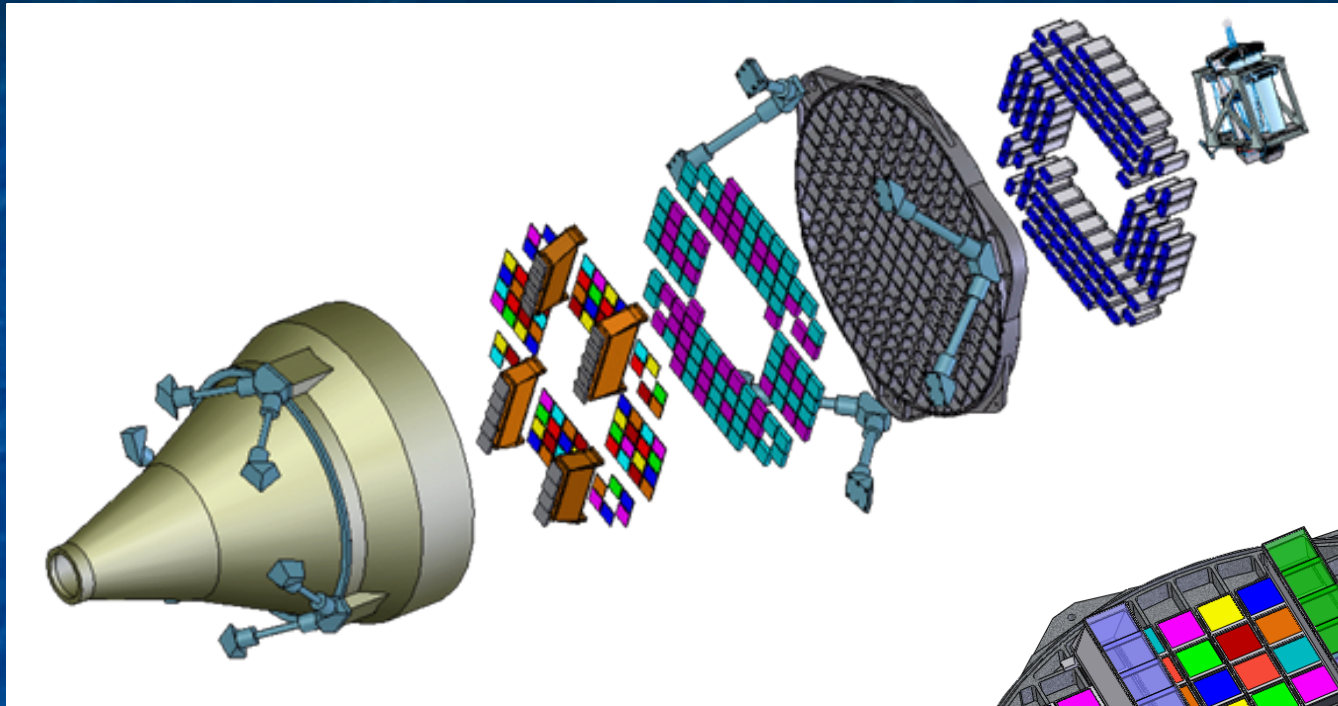


(S. Colombi (IAP), CHFT Team)

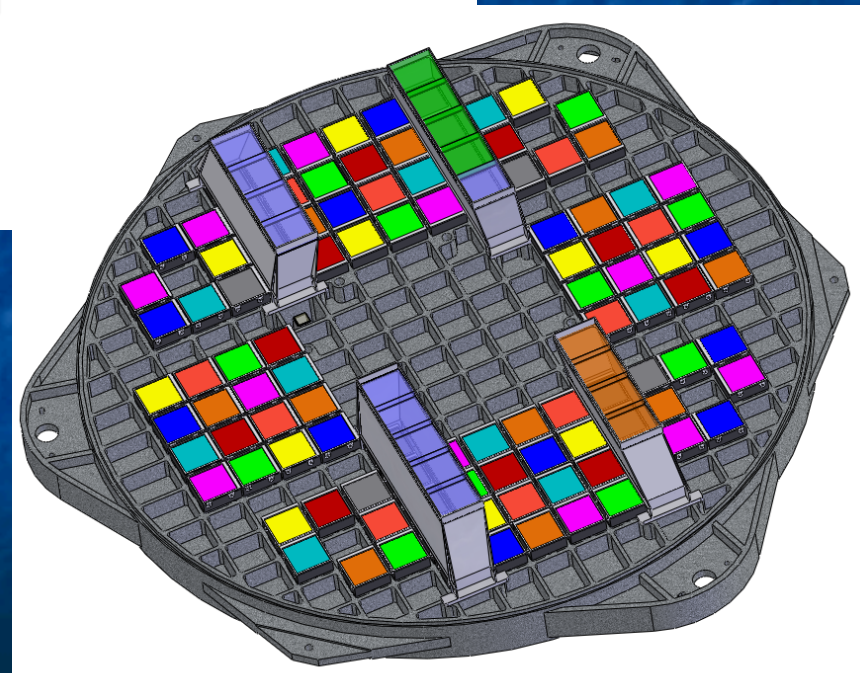
# SNAP Satellite



# Focal Plane



| Detector    | #  |
|-------------|----|
| Imager CCD  | 57 |
| Imager NIR  | 31 |
| Guider      | 3  |
| Spectro NIR | 2  |



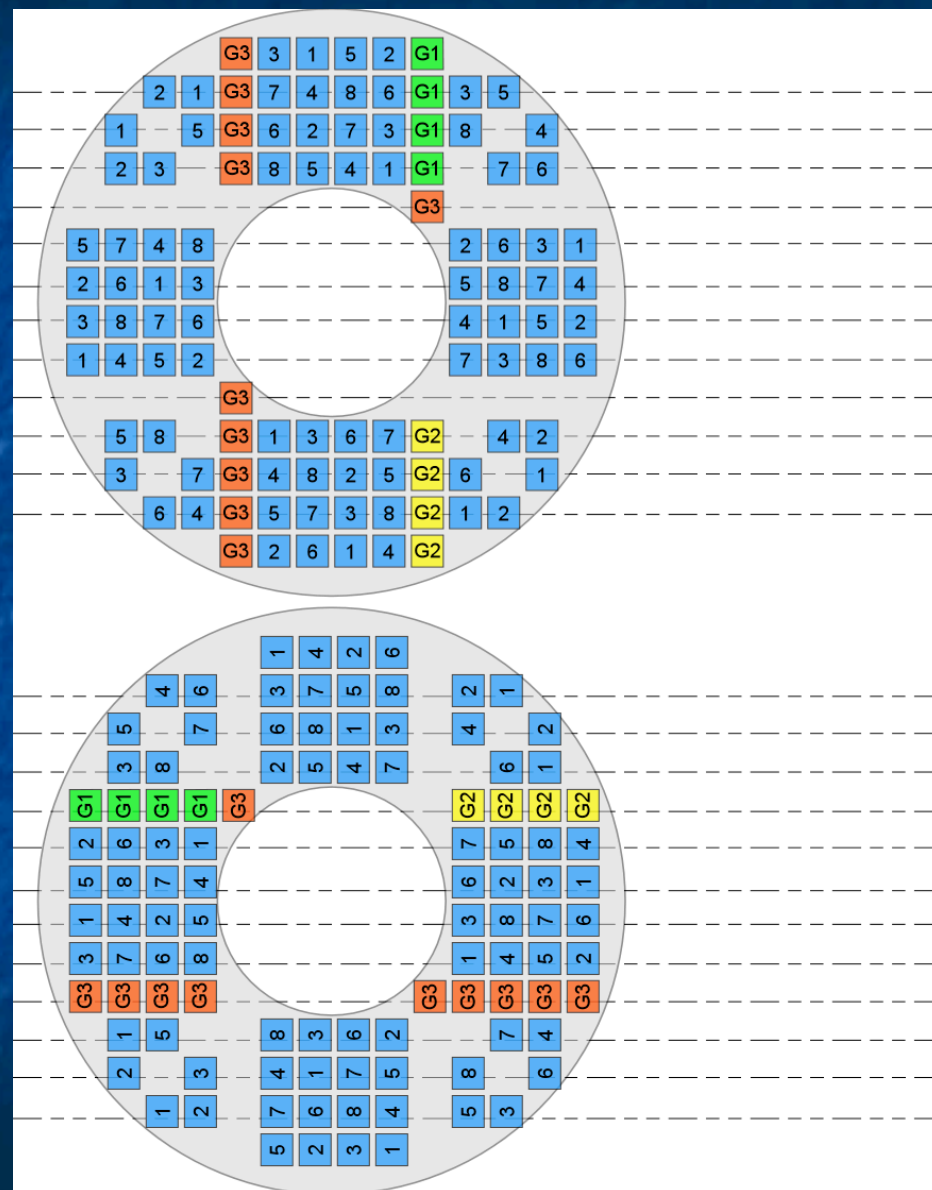


# Deep Scan - SNe, WL and BAO

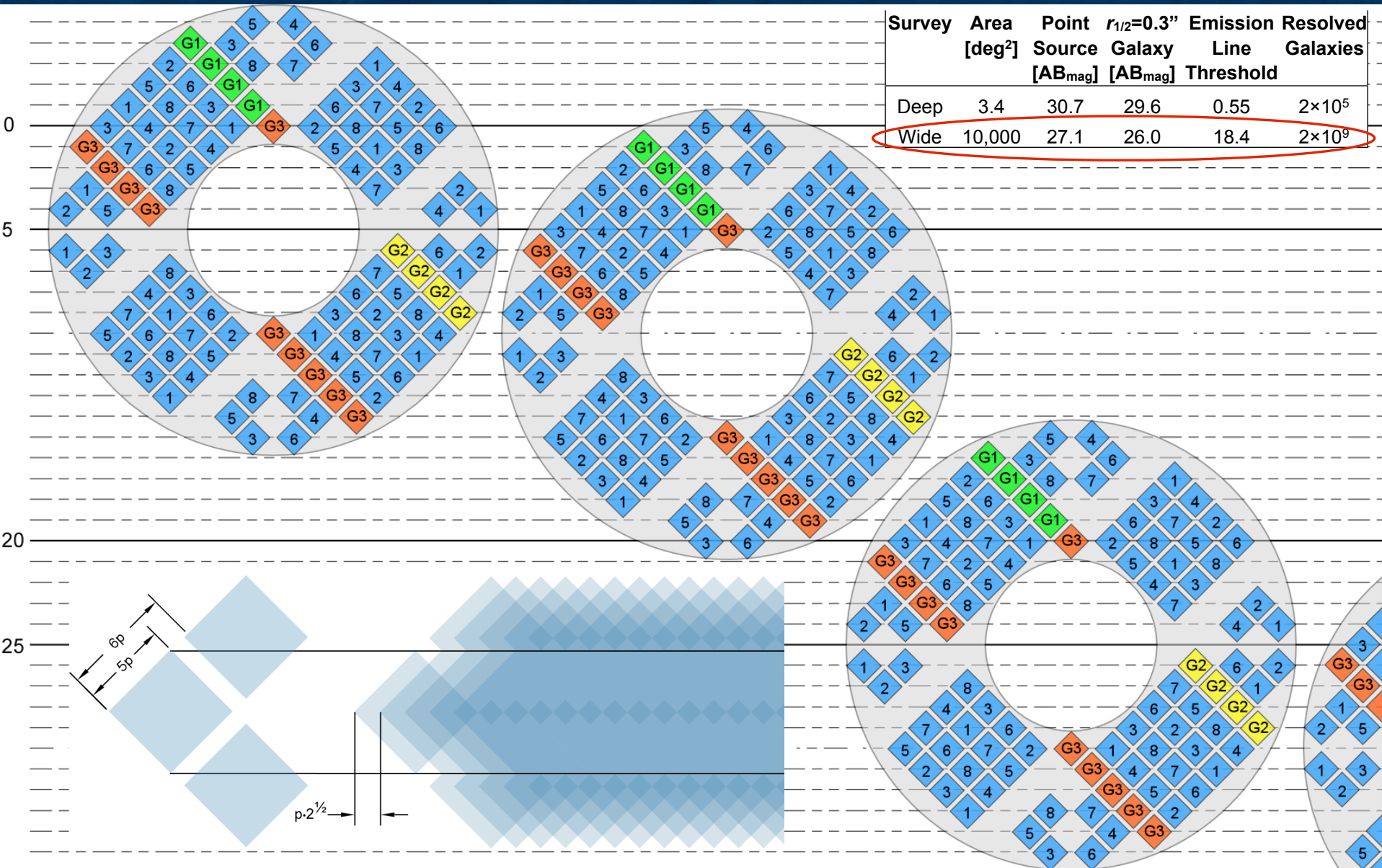


- SNe
  - Repetitive visits to same field.
  - Discovery and follow up.
- WL and BAO
  - Photo-z calibration
  - Observation in filters and grisms.
- Note that intermixing of NIR and CCDs is required.

| Survey | Area [deg <sup>2</sup> ] | Point Source [AB <sub>mag</sub> ] | $r_{1/2}=0.3''$ Galaxy [AB <sub>mag</sub> ] | Emission Line Threshold | Resolved Galaxies |
|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Deep   | 3.4                      | 30.7                              | 29.6  | 0.55                    | $2 \times 10^5$   |
| Wide   | 10,000                   | 27.1                              | 26.0  | 18.4                    | $2 \times 10^9$   |



# Wide, Filled Scan – BAO and WL



# Detector Development Drivers



- CCD and NIR on same focal surface.
- CCD and NIR operate at the same temperature.
- Must be interleaved in any order.
- Focal must be easy to integrate.
- PSF is undersampled by 1.5-2
  - Maximize sky coverage with the available pixels.
  - Pixel response uniformity must be well understood for modest dithering to recover spatial information.
- Telescope and other satellite components are at room temperature - thermal photon impact on NIR.
- Radiation environment of an L2 orbit.
- Survive a 6 year mission lifetime.

# Detector Goals



## Parameter

- Instrumented FOV 1.13 deg<sup>2</sup>
- Wavelength response 380 – 1700 nm
- Filter Set 8 bands, width R >4
- Exposure time 200 – 300 seconds
- Readout time <30 seconds
- Stray Light <10% zodiacal

## Optical Telescope Assembly

- Aperture 1.8 m
- Focal ratio f/11
- Plate scale
  - Visible 0.11 arcsec/pixel
  - NIR 0.18 arcsec/pixel

## Focal Plane Assembly

- Flatness
  - Visible ±20 μm
  - NIR ±40 μm
- Temperature 120–140K

## CCD Imaging Detectors

- Detector number 57
- Pixel size 10.5 μm
- Quantum efficiency 85% average
- Read noise 3 e
- Dark current 0.05 e/pixel/sec

## NIR Imaging Detectors

- Detector number 31
- Pixel size 18-20 μm
- Quantum efficiency 80% average
- Total noise 8 e

## Trackers

- Detectors 3 NIR

## Grisms

- Number 8 CCD and 10 NIR
- Passband 0.4 – 1.7 μm
- Number of passbands 3

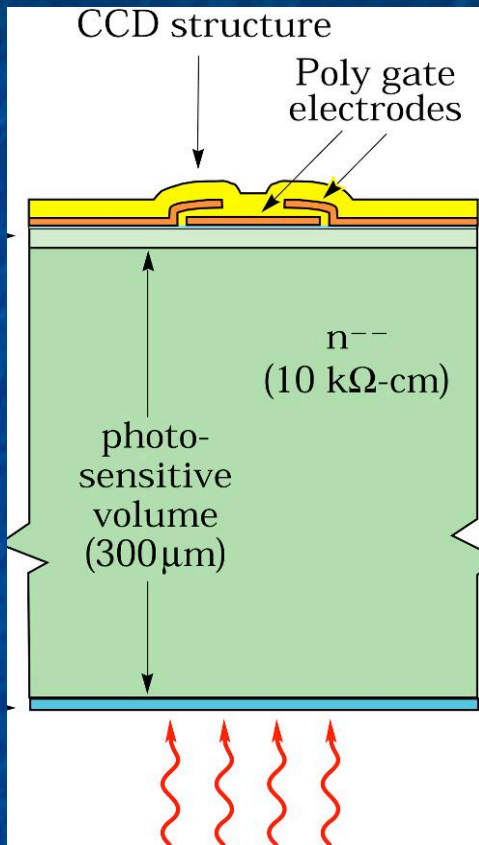
## Spectrograph

- Field of view 3 × 6 arcsec<sup>2</sup>
- Resolution ( $\lambda/\Delta\lambda$ ) 200 visible; 70 NIR
- Exposure time 10 – 3000 seconds
- Detectors 2 NIR

# Detector Technologies Explored

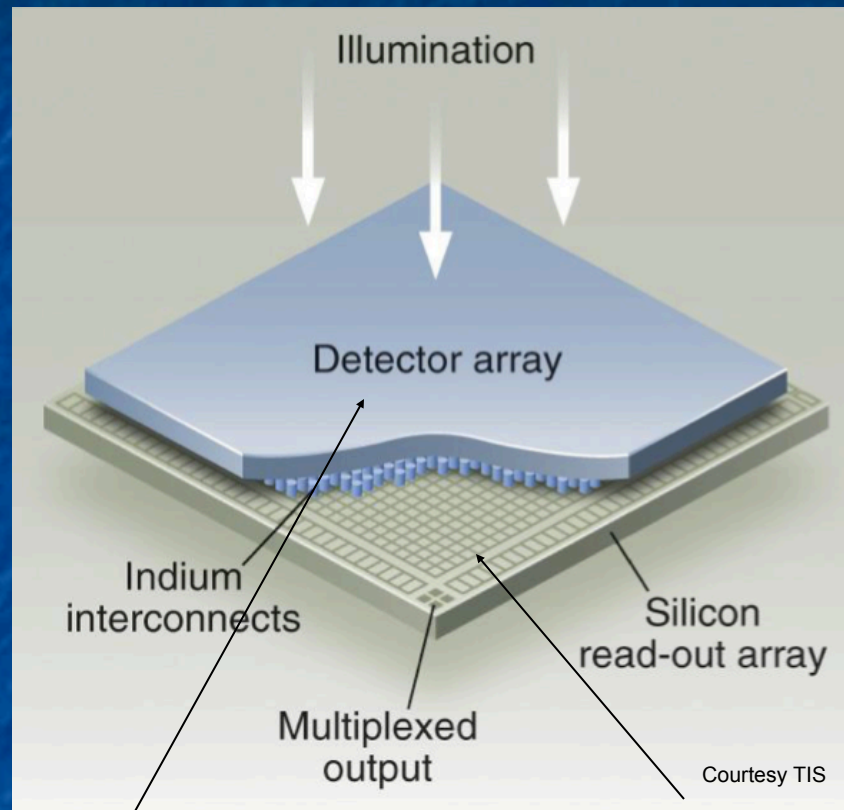


## CCD



- p-channel devices
- Thick
- Back-illuminated
- Fully-depleted

## Hybrid Pixels



### Detector material

- Silicon
- LPE HgCdTe 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$
- MBE HgCdTe 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$
- InGaAs 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$

### Detector readout

- Raytheon 1k x 1k 20  $\mu\text{m}$
- Raytheon 2k x 2k 20  $\mu\text{m}$
- Teledyne 1k x 1k 18  $\mu\text{m}$
- Teledyne 2k x 2k 18  $\mu\text{m}$
- Teledyne 4k x 4k 10  $\mu\text{m}$

# Detector Characterization – Big Picture



## Photometry

- Quantum Efficiency
  - Monochromater and reflectometer setups
- Total noise – read noise plus dark current
  - Fowler and sample up the ramp
  - Imaging exposures – 200-300 s
  - Spectroscopy exposures – up to 10 ksec
- Fluence dependent gain - linearity
- Flux dependent gain
  - 5 decade calibrated light source
- Pixel Response Non-Uniformity
  - High statics autocorrelation analyses
  - Pin hole projectors
  - Hough transform pattern recognition

## Shape Reconstruction

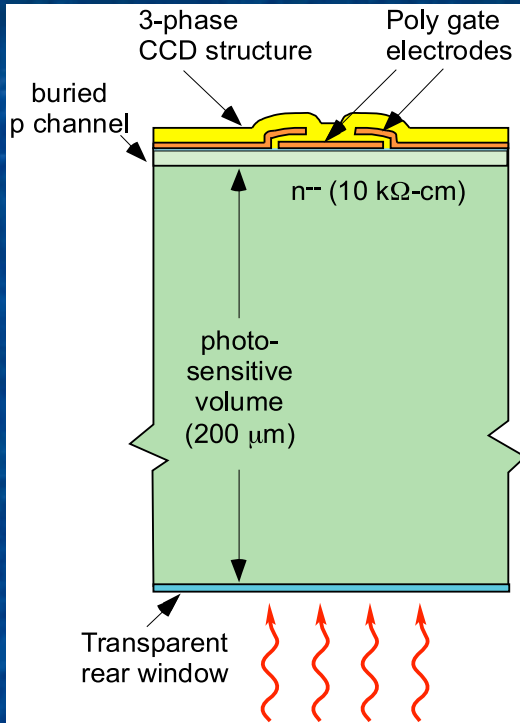
- Inter Pixel Capacitance
  - Auto-correlation method
  - Pin hole projector
  - Single pixel reset
- Persistence
  - Flat and dark sequences to map persistence time scale
  - Working device model to explain
- CTE radiation effects
  - Extensive proton radiation testing to measure charge transfer efficiency
  - Computer modeling of impact on weak lensing
  - Lessons learned applied to COSMOS data
- Lateral charge diffusion
  - Pin hole projector

Note: I cannot talk about all this.  
A list of published articles is attached.

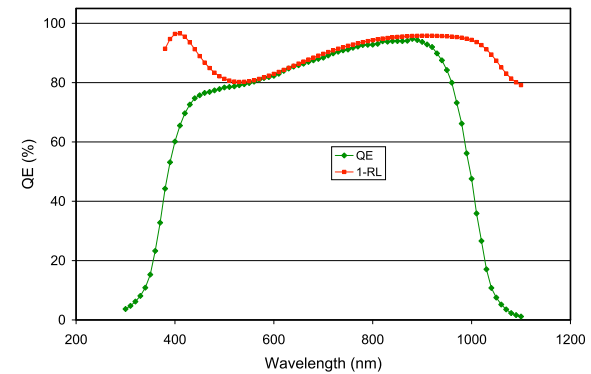
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# LBNL CCD Technology

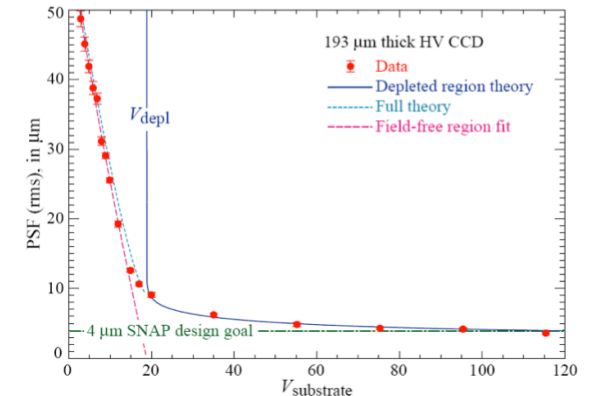
(see N. Roe talk)



Thick device  
extended wavelength  
response to 1000 nm. →



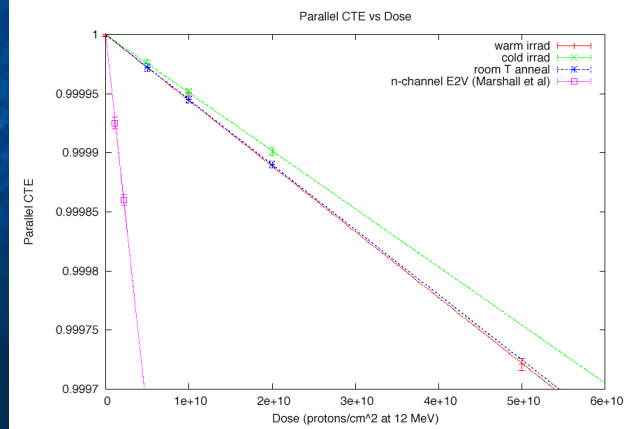
Hi-rho over depletion →  
small lateral charge  
diffusion, thus small  
pixels possible.



## LBNL CCD technology

- Thick
- Fully/over depleted
- Back-illuminated
- n-type high resistivity silicon
- p-channel

Hi-rho n-type silicon →  
improved radiation  
tolerance.

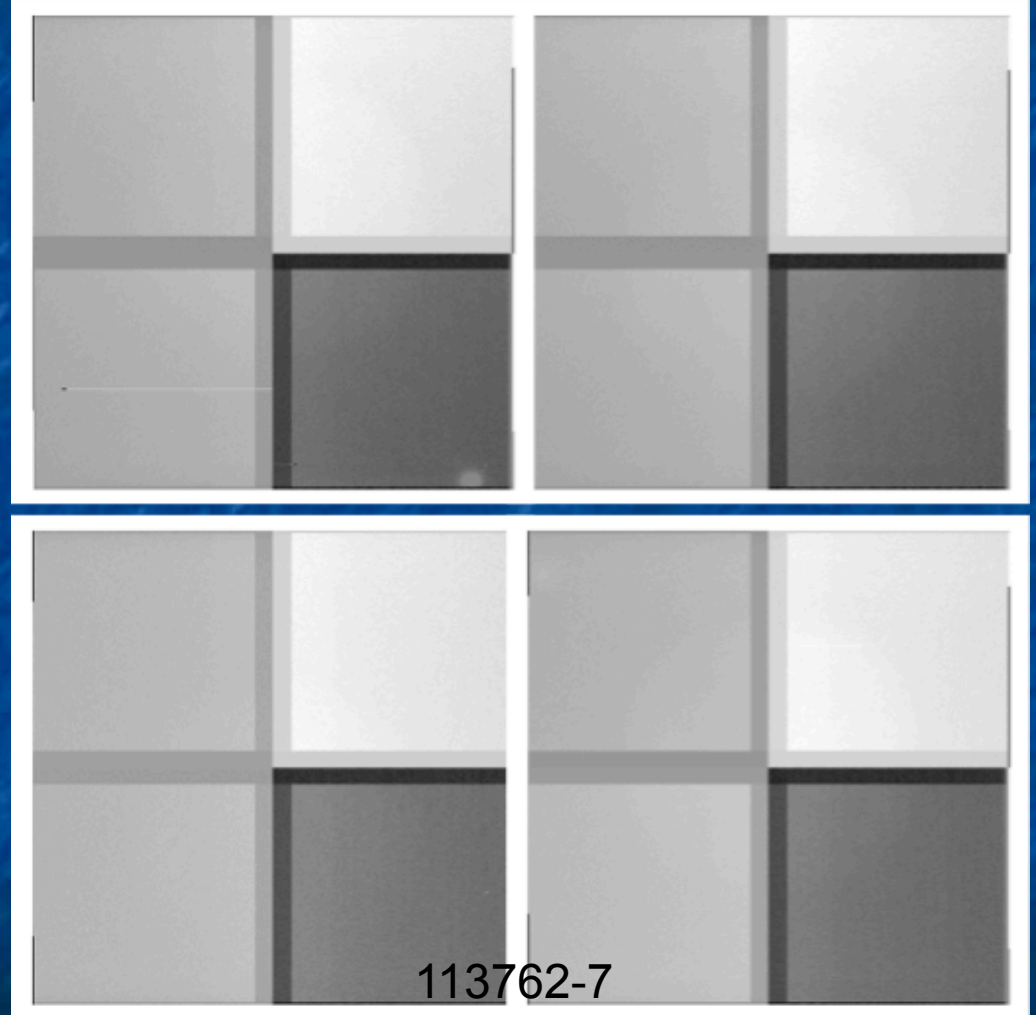
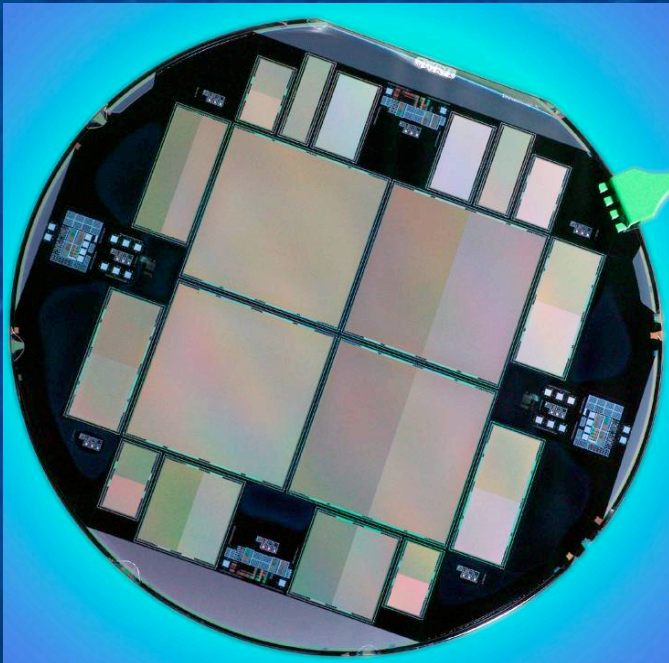




# SNAP CCD



3508 x 3512, 10.5  $\mu\text{m}$   
(area matched to NIR)  
200  $\mu\text{m}$  thick  
Four corner readout

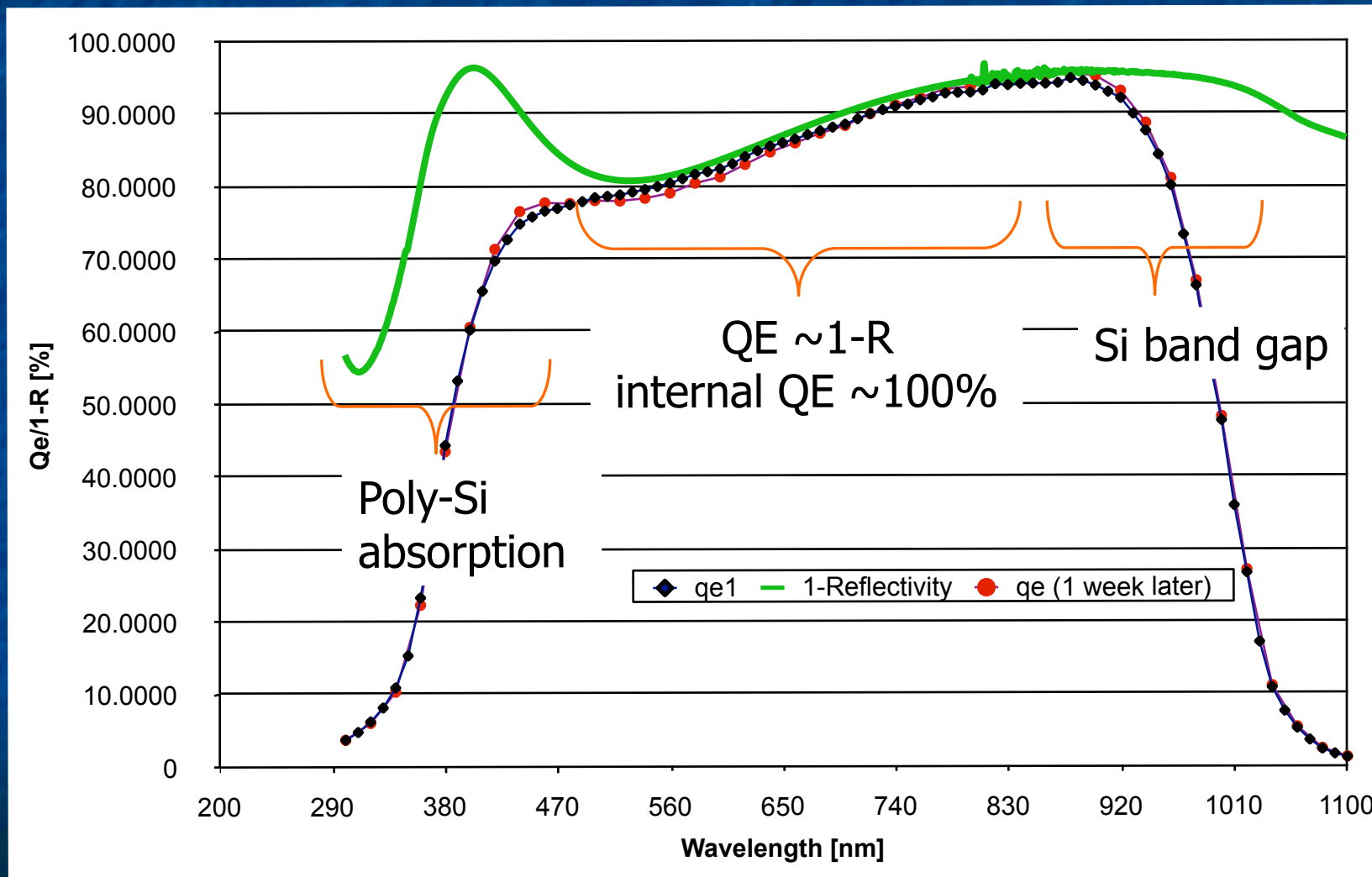


Cold probe data of four die on fully processed wafer

# QE / Reflectivity Measurements



Simple red optimized AR coating

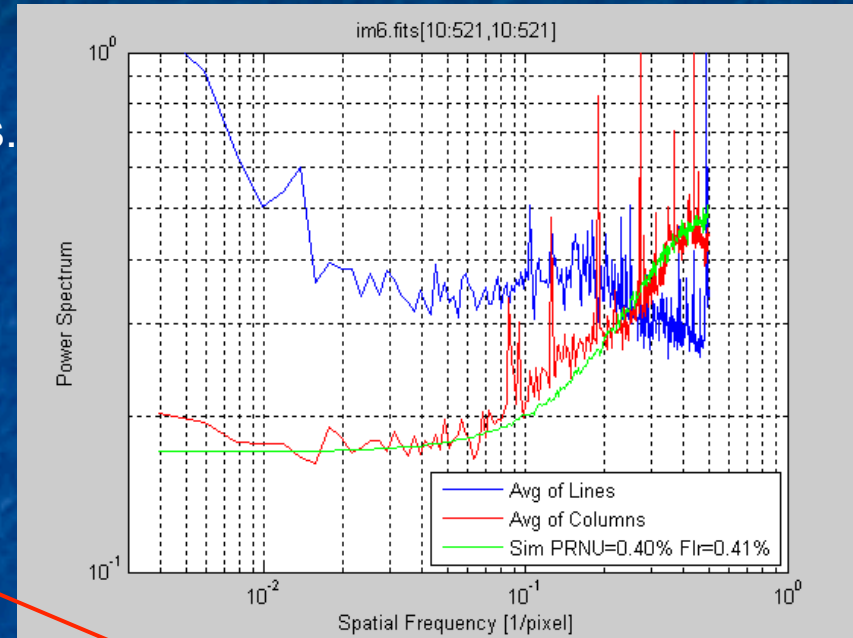
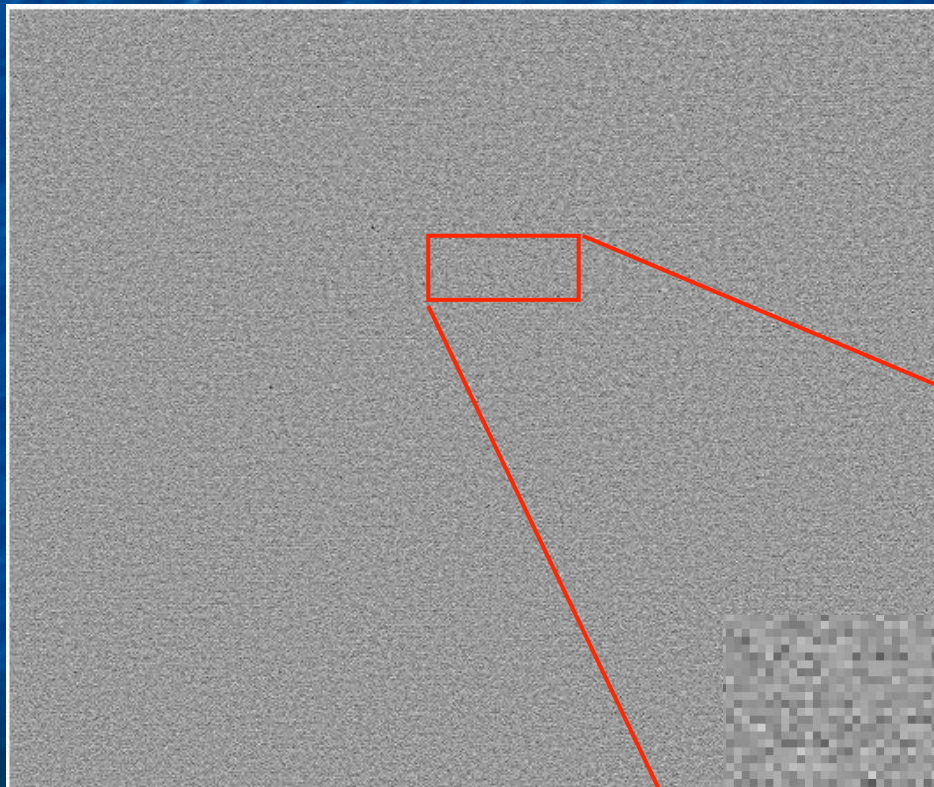


(see D. Groom talk)

# Pixel Size Variation

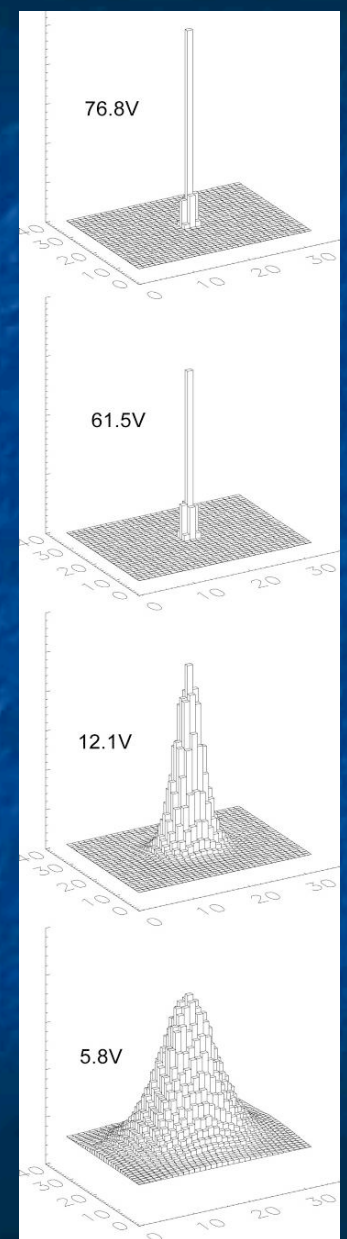
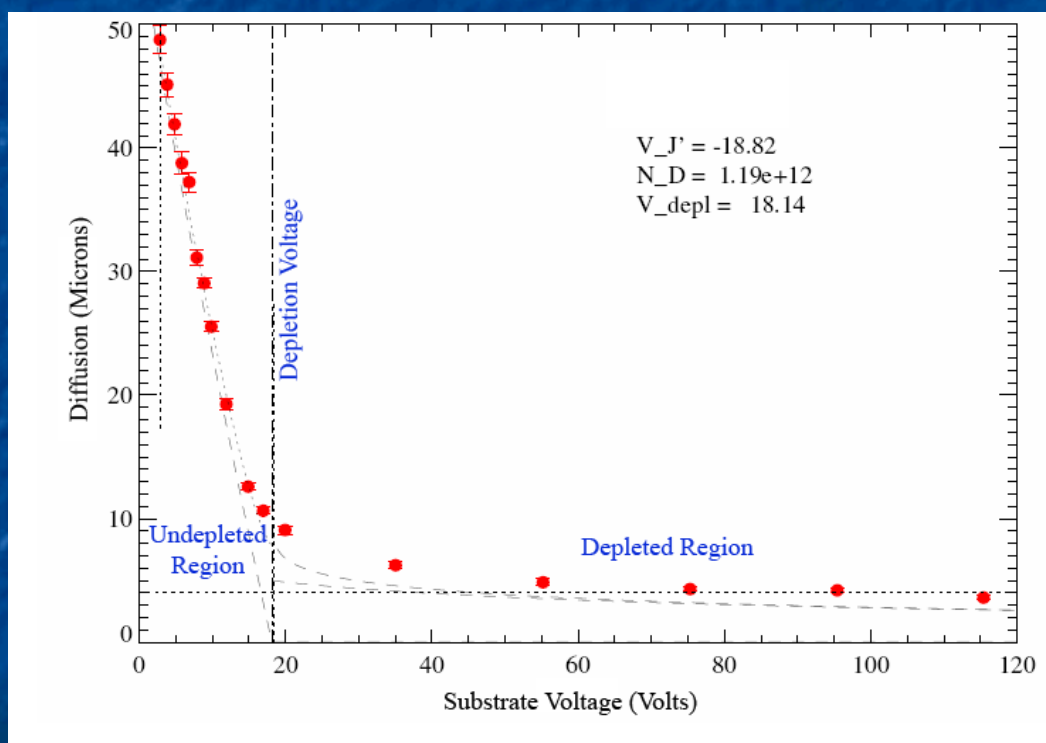
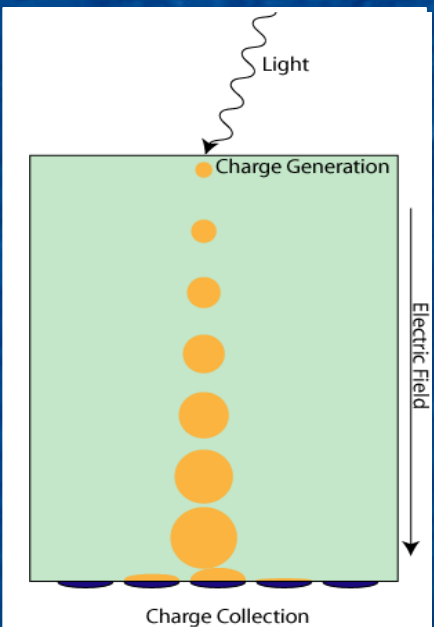


- Deep co-added flats.
- Brightness spatial power spectrum along rows and columns.
- Identify random and coherent components.



# Lateral Charge Diffusion

- Photo-charge diffuses laterally during drift to pixel collection area.
- Over-depletion reduces the diffusion.
- 1  $\mu\text{m}$  pinhole measurements confirm the theory.

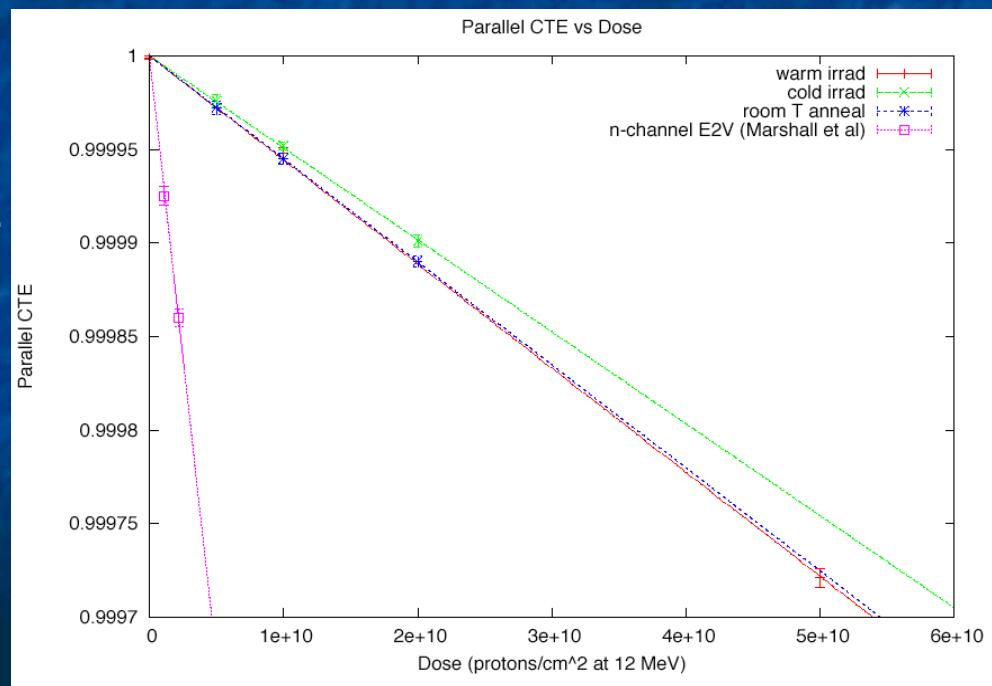


*10.5  $\mu\text{m}$  pixel make sense!*

# Radiation Tolerance



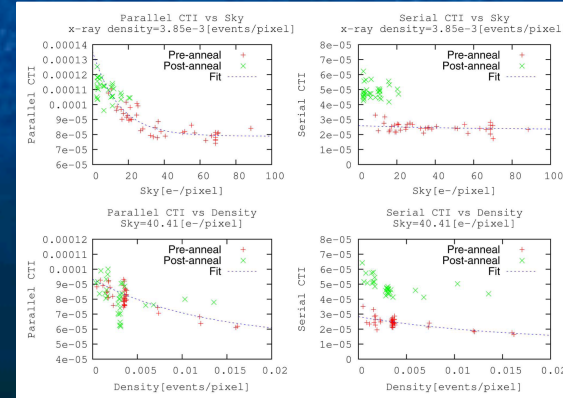
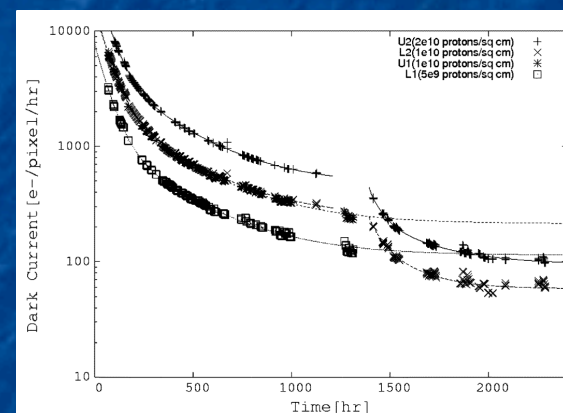
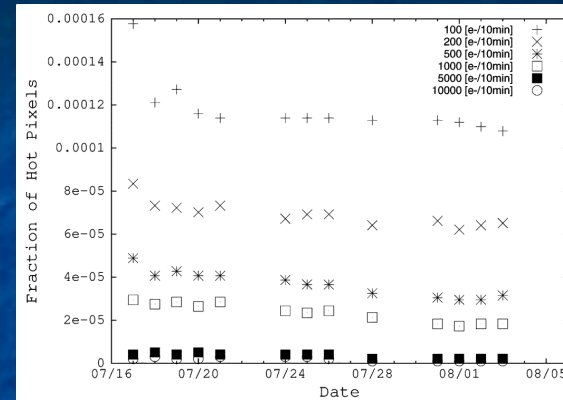
- Was postulated that p-channel CCDs are intrinsically more radiation tolerant
  - n-channel CCDs form phosphorous vacancy (P-V) defect that reduces CTE.
  - Boron-doped p-channel forms a di-vacancy defect (V-V), a second order process.
- We find a x10 improvement in CTE degradation vs proton dose relative to ACS, operated under their respective conditions.
- Detailed proton radiation studies using the LBNL 88" Cyclotron.
  - Hot pixel formation rate.
  - Dark current.
  - Study mitigating affects of sky level and leading charge density.



# Hot pixels, dark current, background effects



- Hot pixel formation rate at least 10 times lower than for WFC at same threshold.
- Dark current increase is acceptable.
- Dependence of CTI on sky level and density of x-ray events for both the parallel and serial CTI after exposure to  $2 \times 10^{10}$  protons/cm<sup>2</sup>.



# Radiation Interpretation



- We estimate the CTI at the end of 6 years by combining:
  - Measured CTI vs Non-Ionizing Energy Lose dose (proton irradiation).
  - Estimated NIEL dose behind shielding from satellite model (SPENVIS + shielding).
    - Obtain total expected NIEL dose of  $6.6 \times 10^6$  MeV/g(Si) at 95% CL.
    - This is equivalent to  $7 \times 10^8$  12.5 MeV protons.
  - Measured CTI dependence on background and event density.
  - Estimated zodiacal background at 400 nm and cosmic rays.
- Result:
  - Serial CTI degradation = -0.000 002; CTE = 0.999 997
  - Parallel CTI degradation = -0.000 003; CTE = 0.999 996 (0.999 996<sup>1750</sup> = 99.3%)

NB This is for  $Q=1620$  e; CTI scales as  $1/Q^{1/2}$ .

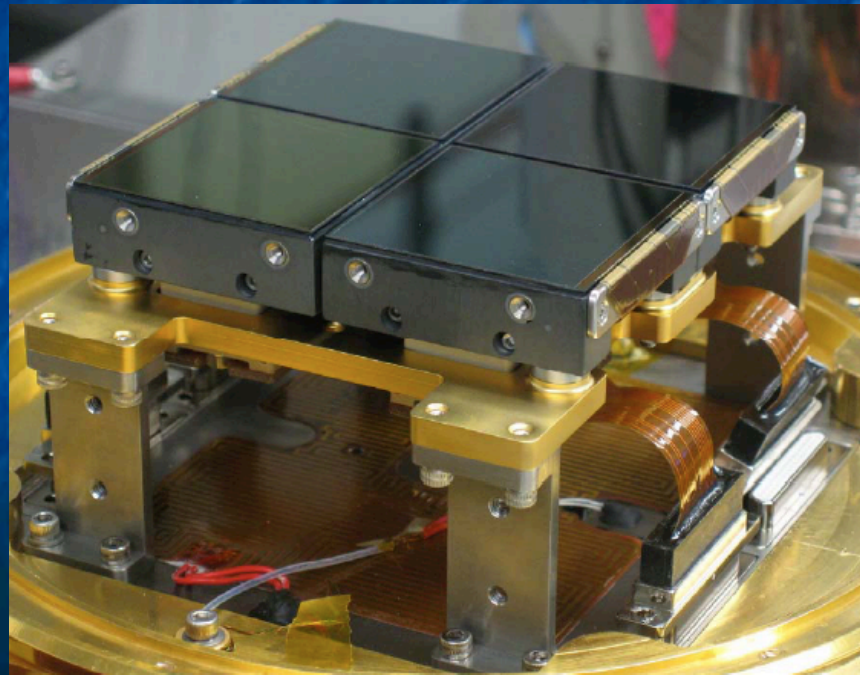
# Near InfraRed



# HgCdTe



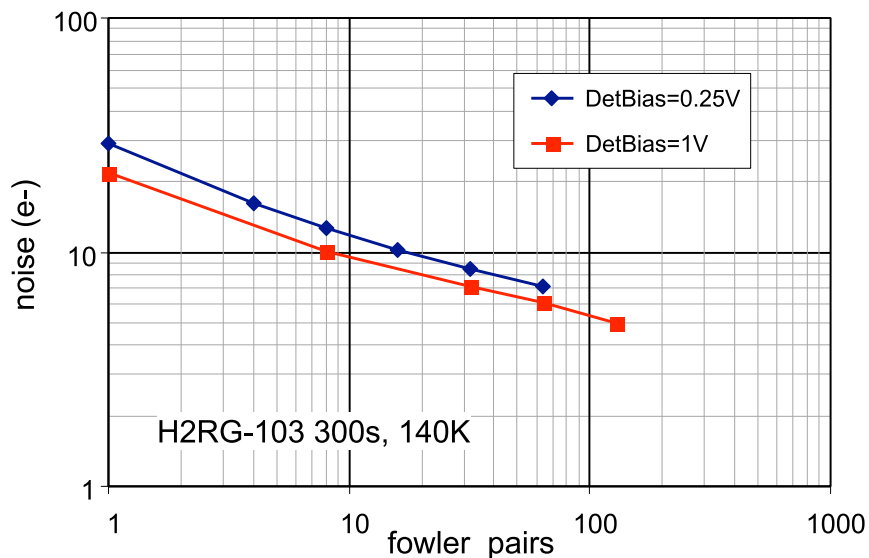
- SNAP is a warm telescope – black body radiation runs away  $> 1.7 \mu\text{m}$ .
- Development effort focused on  $1.7 \mu\text{m}$  cutoff material
  - Can operate at 130–140K with low enough dark current.
  - Complements the CCDs, which operate well in this temperature range.
- Multi-vendor, multi-technology detector development cycle.
- Of late, we have concentrated on Teledyne H2RG HgCdTe ( $2\text{k} \times 2\text{k}$ ,  $18 \mu\text{m}$ ) - five lot runs.
- Four of eight assemblies on SNAP-designed SiC mount are shown.



# Total Noise

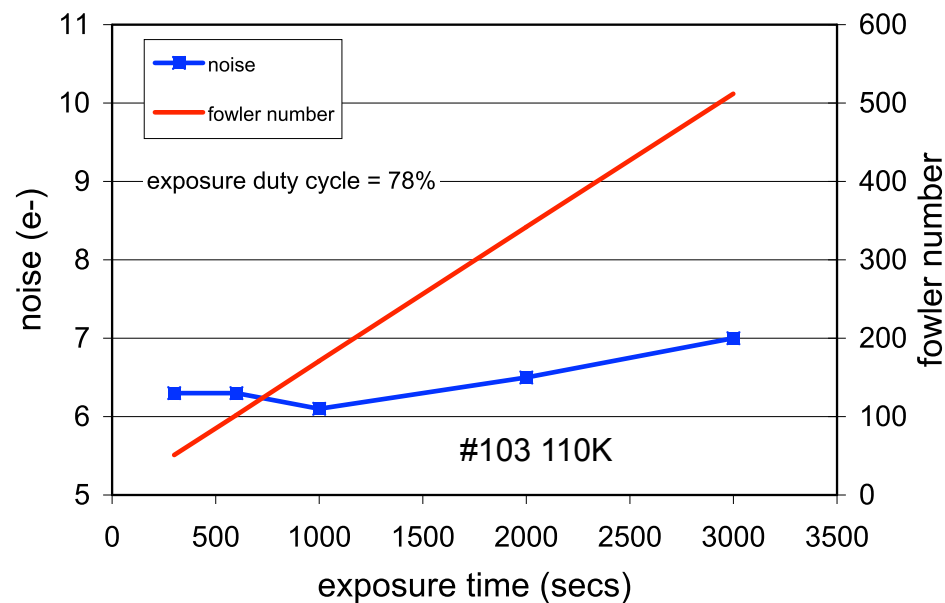


## Total noise for imaging



Improving readnoise has been the single struggle with these devices.

## Total noise for spectroscopy

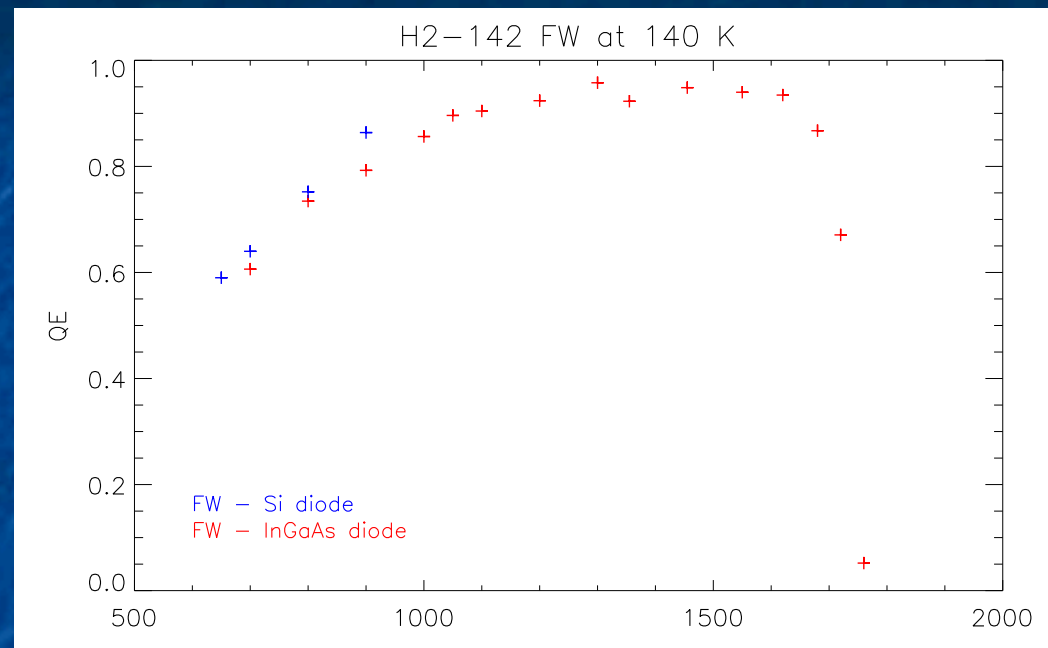


On-going for reduced noise for extremely long exposures (see C. Cerna poster).

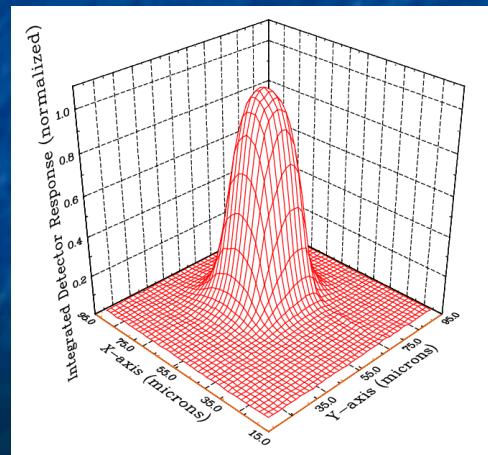
# QE and Charge Collection



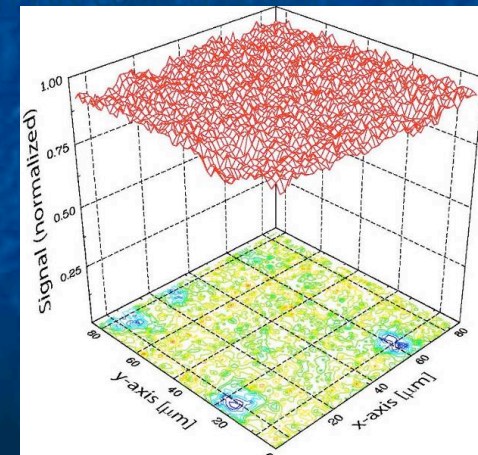
- Quantum efficiency  
(see M. Schubnell talk)



- Pin hole illumination scan for internal pixel structure  
(see T. Biesiadzinski talk)



Single pixel pinhole scan

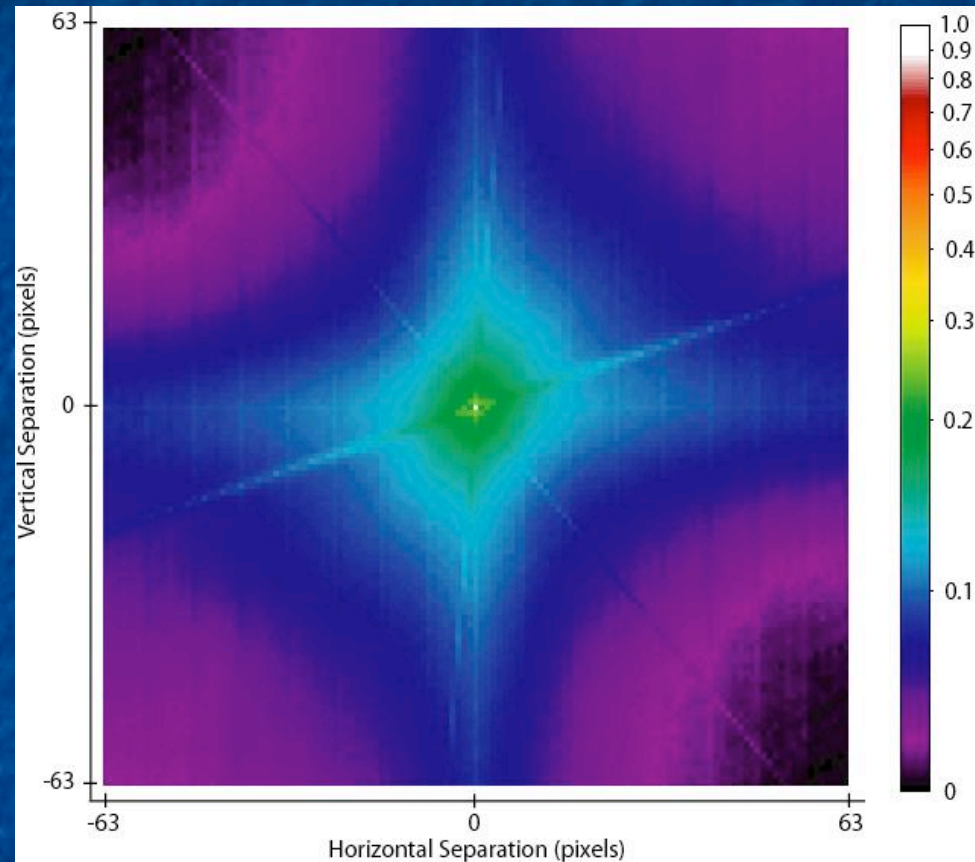


4x4 pixels sum

# Pixel Size Variation



- Co-add many flats to get to equivalent of  $10^6$  e to be sensitive to effects at the 0.1% level.
- For small region, do Hough transform along 180 orientations (1 degree rotations).
- Look for correlation patterns.
  - Negative Correlation of adjacent pixels (small scales) suggests pixels size variations ( $\sim 0.8\%$  size variations)
  - Some structure on an 8 column pitch.
  - Scratch identification?

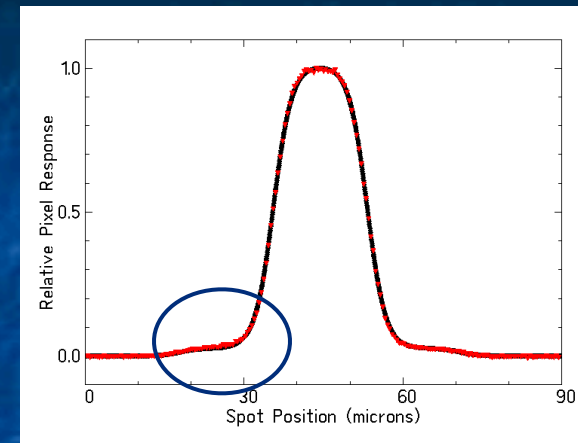
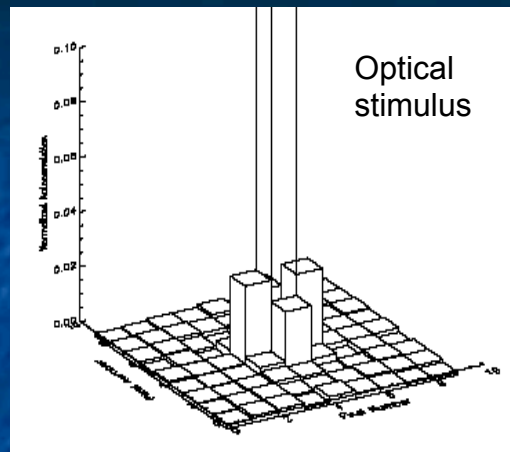


FPA 103 Correlation Function: -1 is totally anti-correlated, +1 is totally correlated).

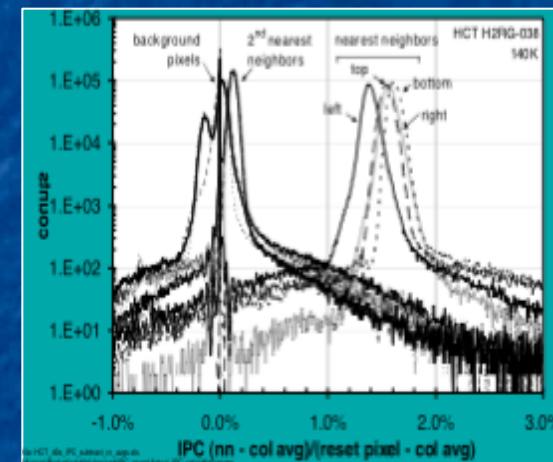
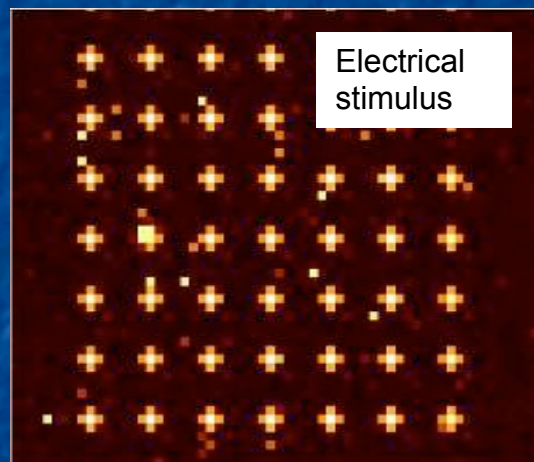
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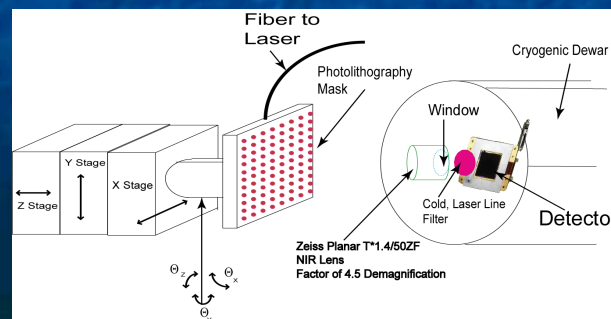
- Pinhole optical stimulus



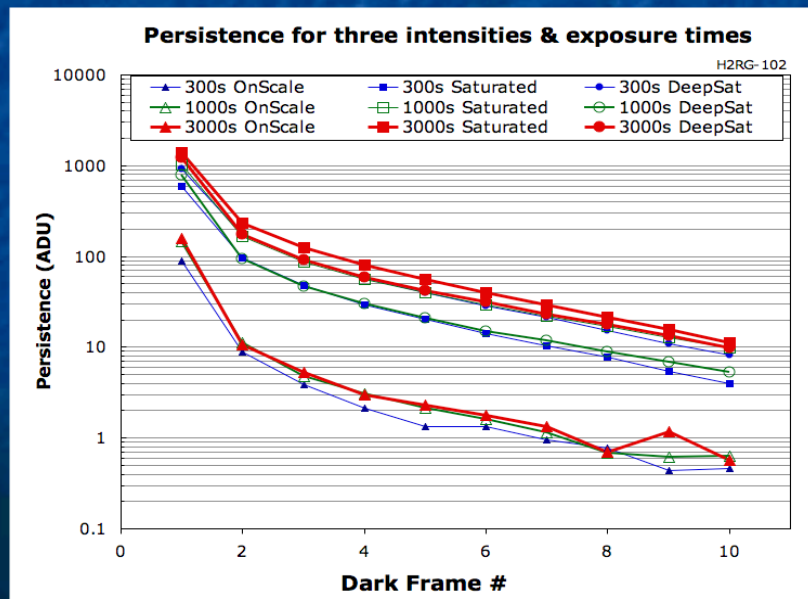
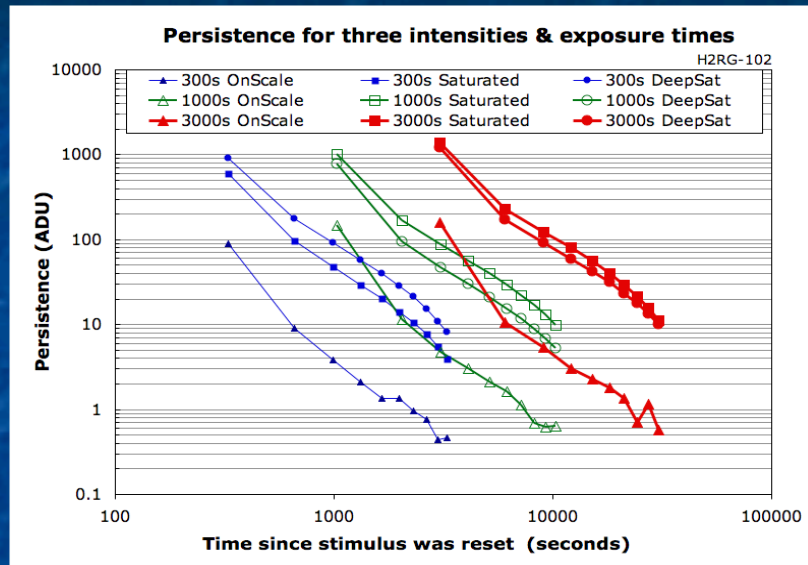
- Array of single pixel resets  
– can map out entire device quickly.



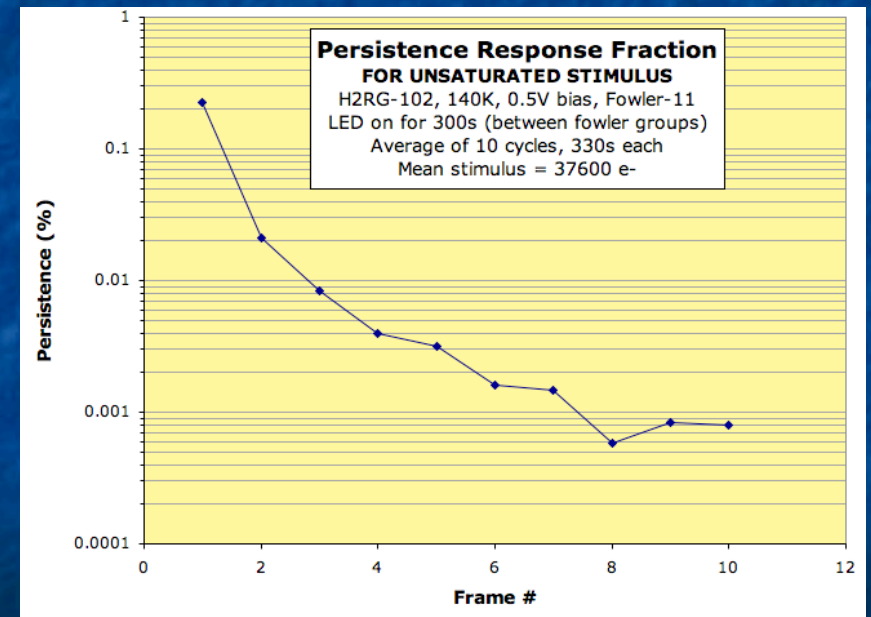
- Next generation device is a multi-pinhole projector.  
(see T. Biesiadzinski talk)



# Persistence



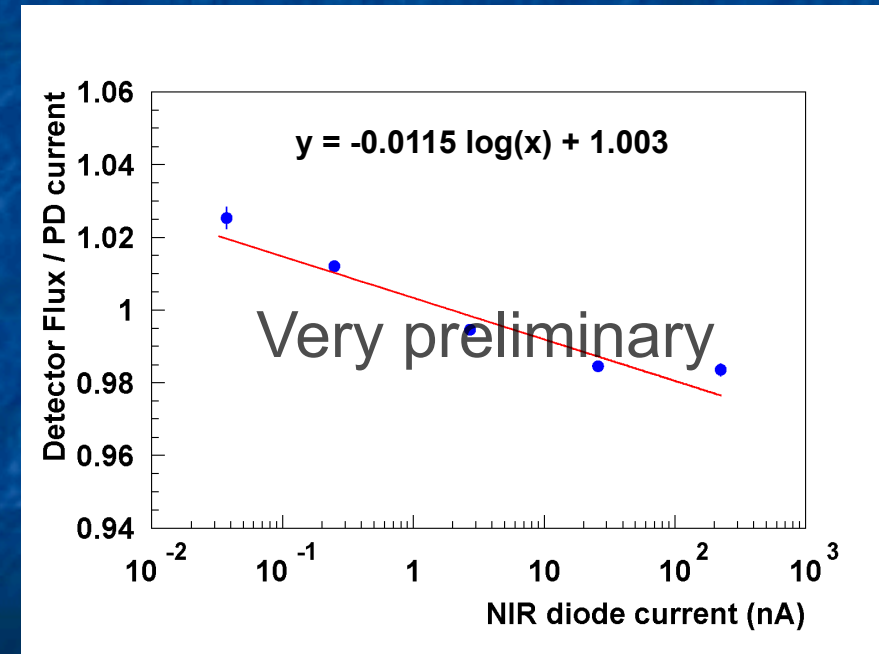
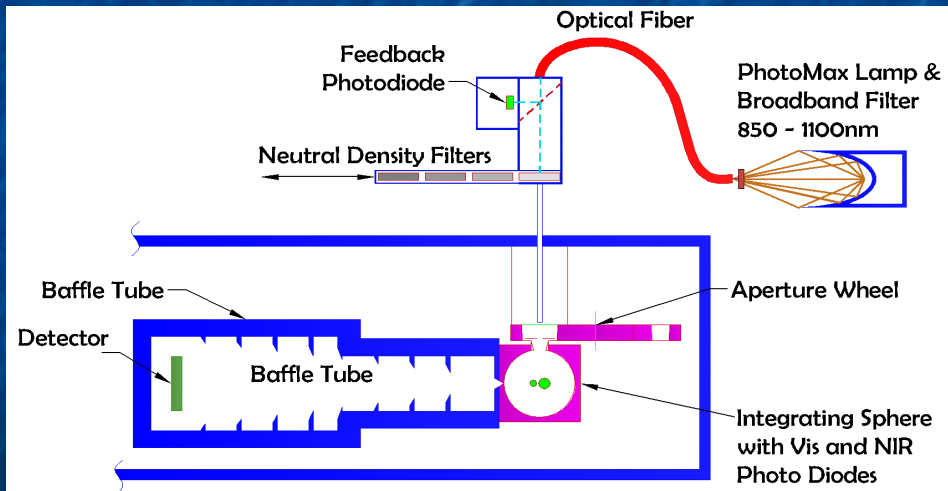
Persistence is present for any stimulus level.  
 For a given exposure time, it can be described as a % of the stimulus and the frame number following the stimulus.



# Reciprocity tests

Reciprocity failure if measured signal in the detector is not constant for all *Flux* and *Time* such that  $Flux \times Time = constant$ .

- Reciprocity machine being commissioned
  - Monochromater illuminated pinholes calibrated to 0.2% per decade.
  - Pinholes span 5 decades in size.

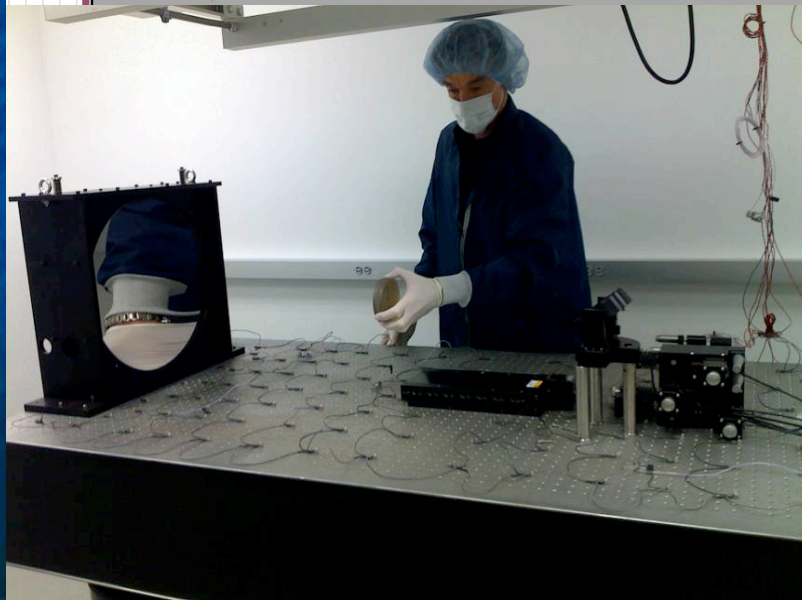
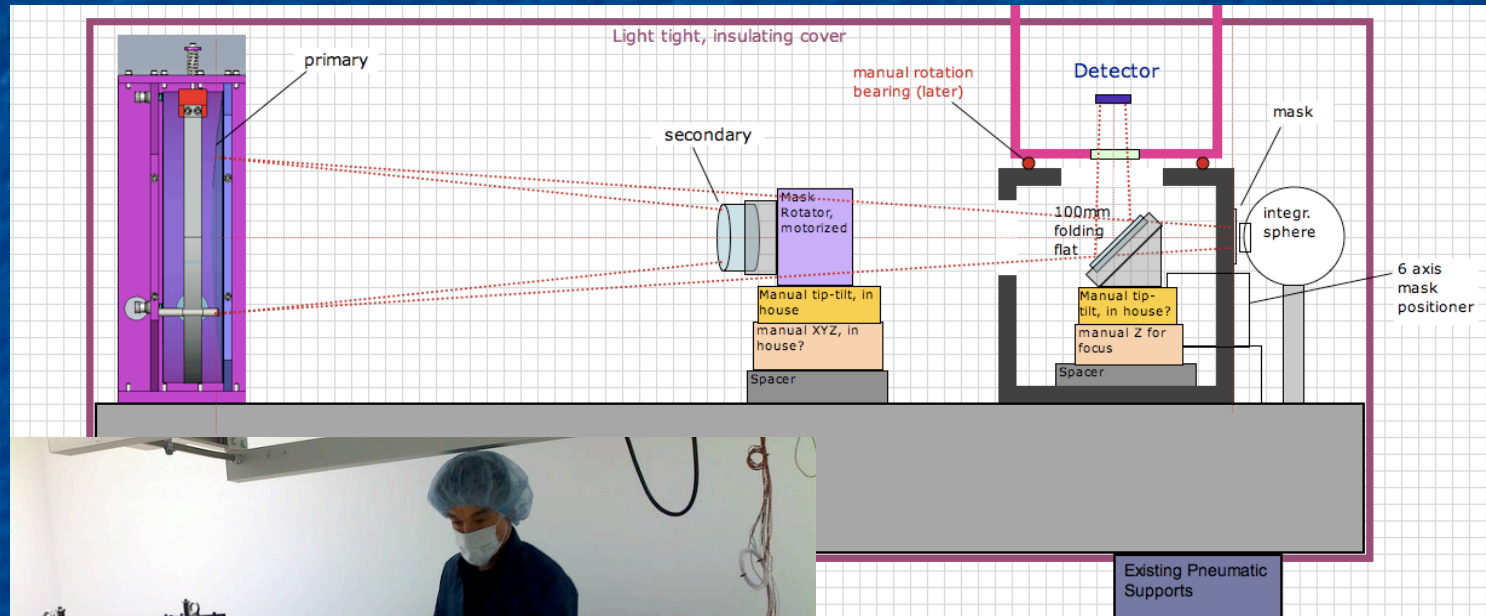


(see W. Lorenzon talk)

# Full Field Image Projector



- Project known scene on CCD or NIR.
- Provide scientists (WL-ers in particular) with all known detectors effects.
- See with what precision the scene can be reconstructed.





# Electronics

# NIR Frontend Electronics

(see P. Hart talk)

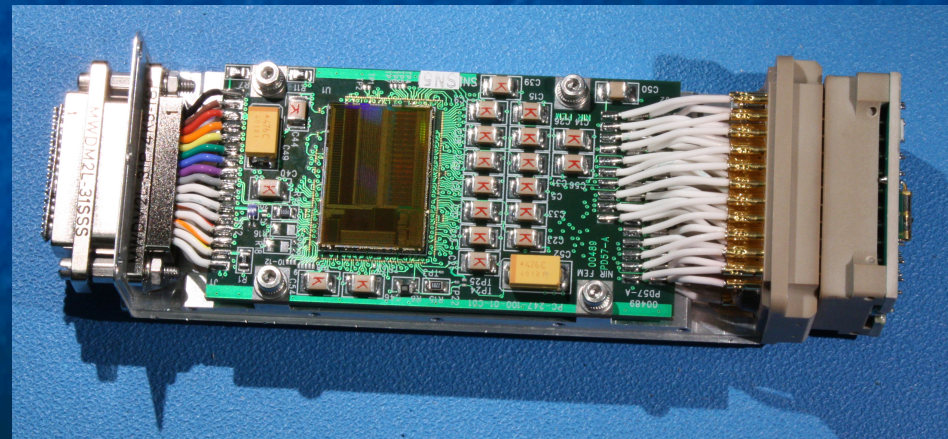
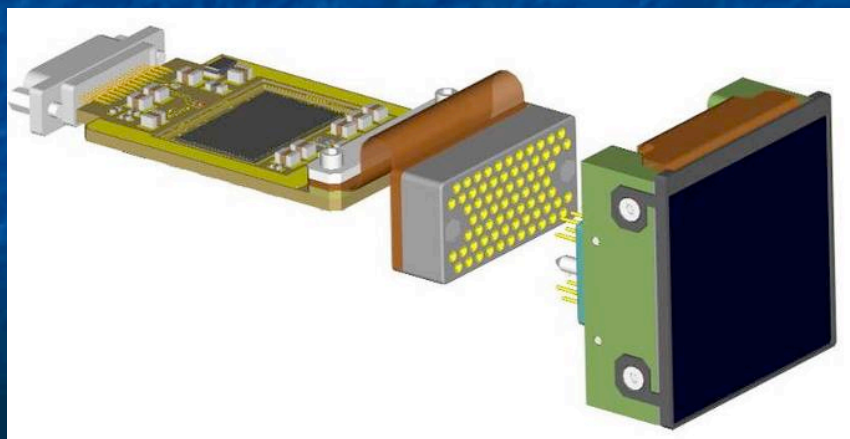
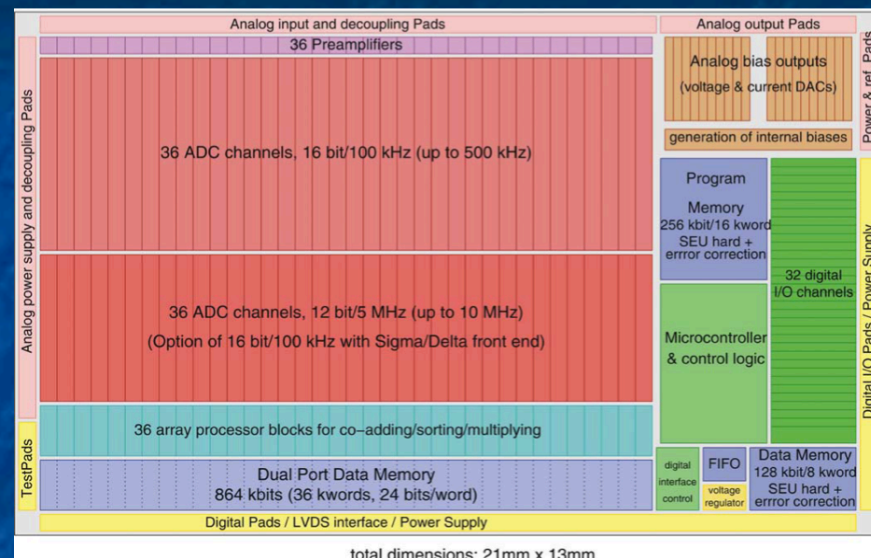


## Teledyne SIDECAR ASIC

- Readout controller on a chip
- Developing our own programming and operational experience

## SNAP packaging

- Supports direct connect to detector
- Supports 36-channel mode
- LVDS digital interface
- Four science data links
- Temperature monitoring
- Two delivered; four more in assembly



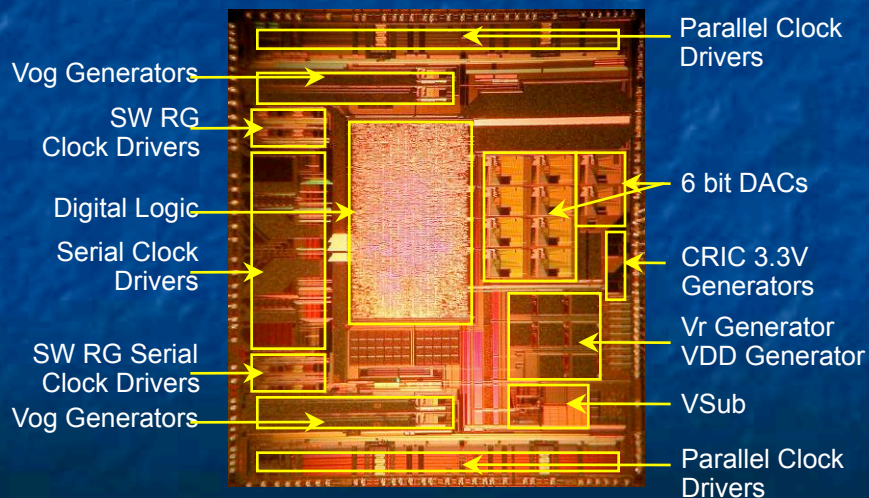
# CCD Frontend Electronics



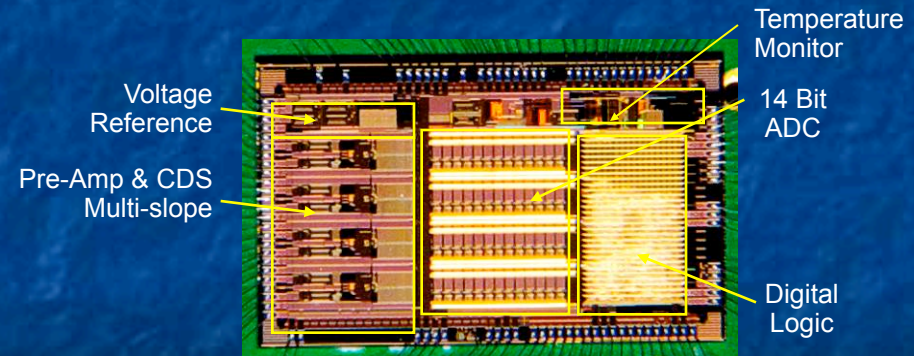
(see A. Karcher talk)

- Programmable biasing of CCD – -25V source follower biasing to +100V substrate bias
- Programmable clock levels
- Programmable clock pattern – special modes to support radiation damage monitoring
- Dual slope correlated double sampler and digitization of 4 CCD outputs
- Temperature monitoring – locally and at the CCD
- Same LVDS interface and protocol as SIDECAR ASIC (NIR)
- Designed for operation down to 120 K – verified
- Radiation tolerance design methodology – heavy ions testing at LBNL 88” Cyclotron

## CLIC



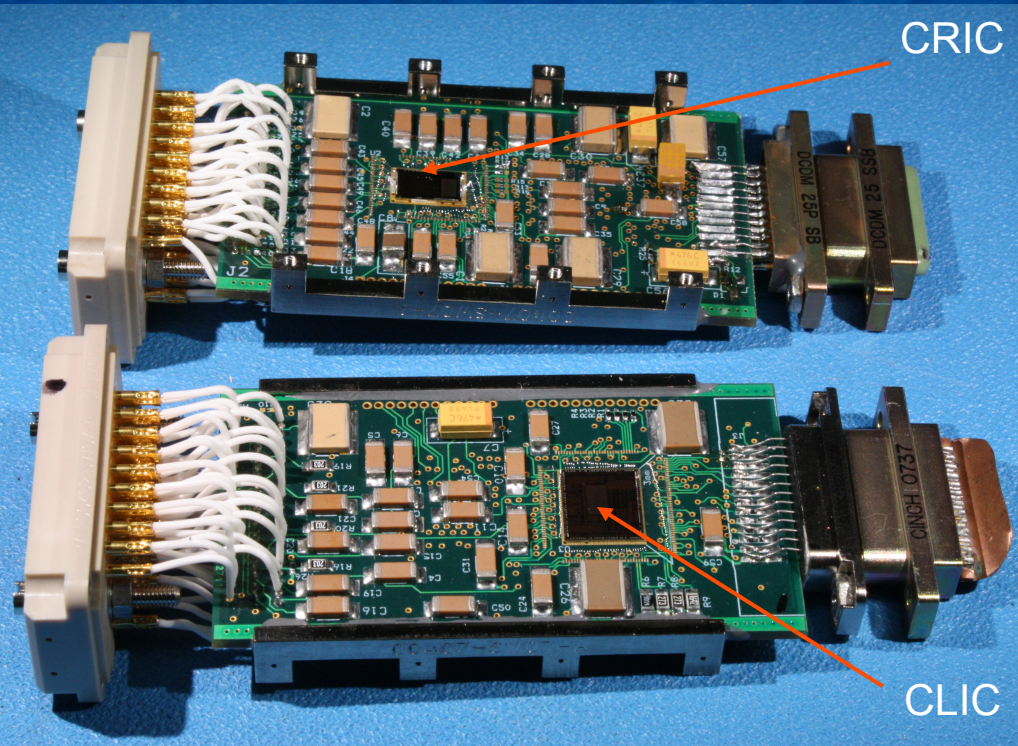
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# CCD Frontend Electronics



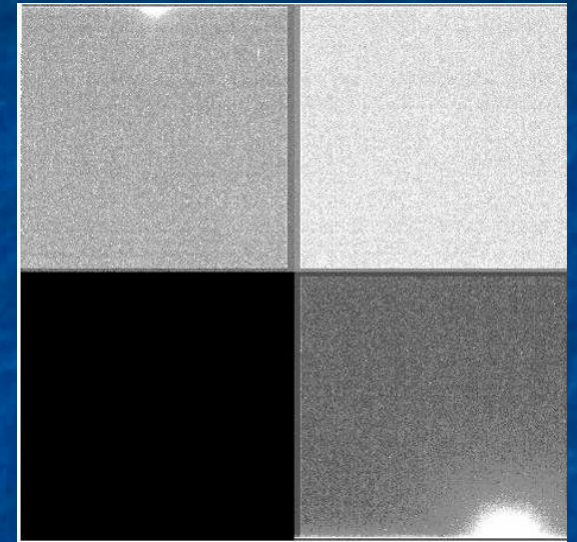
SNAP CCD and electronics at 140K



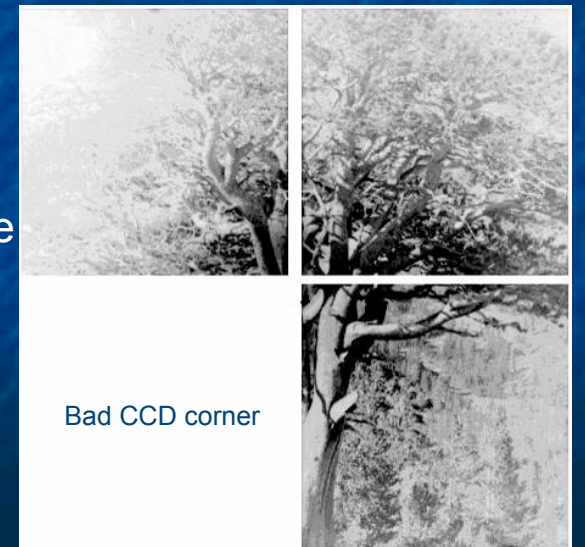
CRIC

CLIC

Flat field



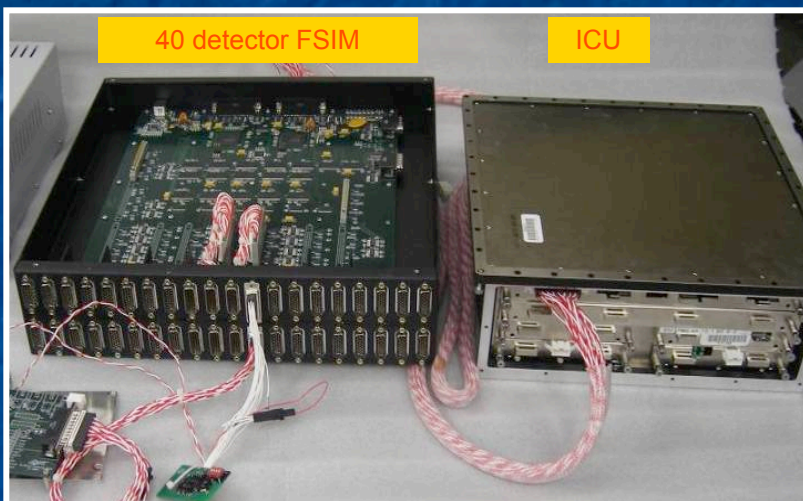
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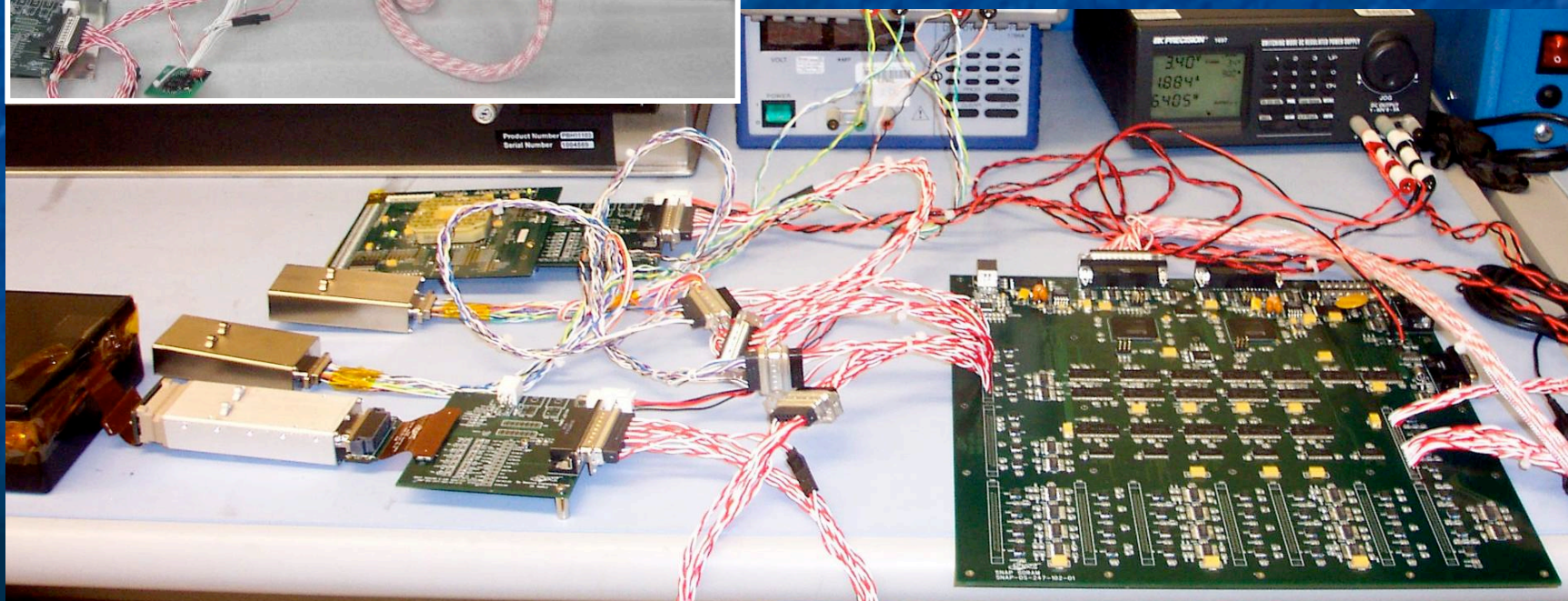
Bad CCD corner

# Data Control and Collection

(see P. Hart talk)



- Distributed detector electronics design makes for a light-weight data control and data collection system.
- Shown is system that handles 20 CCDs and 20 NIR.



# Building a Focal Plane

# Drivers

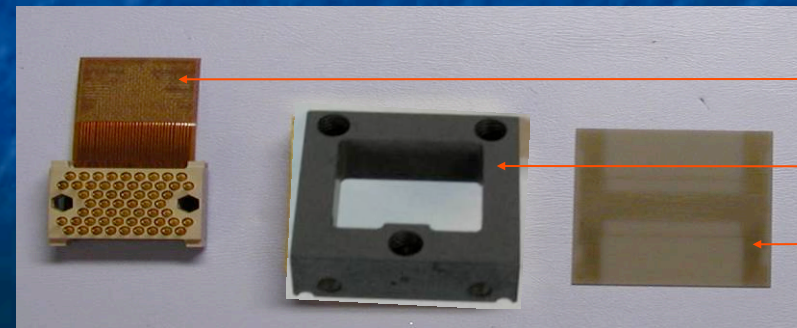
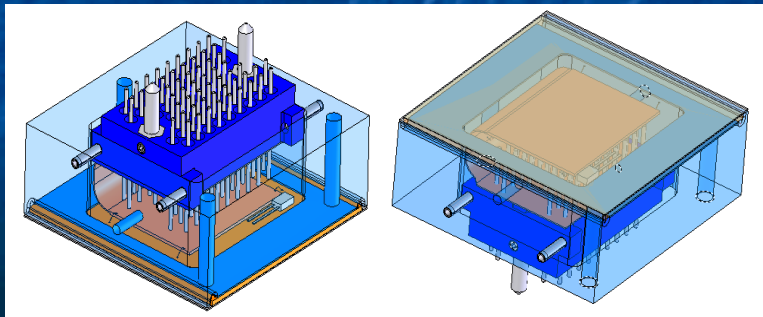


- Use SiC for focal plane plate and detector mounts.
- Intermix NIR and VIS detectors in the focal plane.
- Detectors use 3-point mount.
- Detector mount designed for near 4-side abutability
- Detector has space-rugged connector for blind mating of electronics.
- Excellent flatness of detector optical surface relative to mounting plane – flatness and height tolerance are built in, no shimming at integration.
- .....

# CCD SiC Mounting

- SiC is good match to detector Si.
- Robust connector; blind mating to electronics box.
- Near four-side abutable.
- Assembly evolved over 12 prototypes; production assembly underway.

CCD on SiC mount



Flex and  
Connector  
SiC Pedestal  
AlN PCB



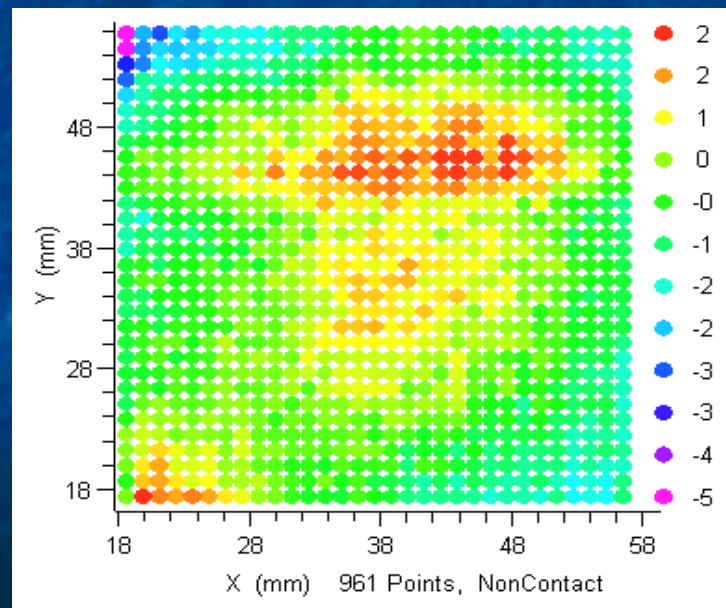
# CCD SiC Mount Flatness



- One of the drivers for engineering the mounts was to meet stringent focal plane flatness tolerances – 10  $\mu\text{m}$  (p-p) was.
- Total achieved flatness *at the detector material* is shown for three parts each.

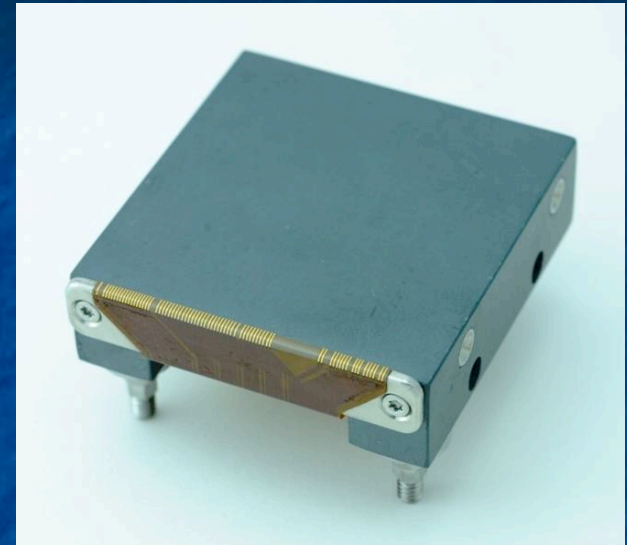
## CCD

PP1 3  $\mu\text{m}$   
PP2 6  $\mu\text{m}$   
PP3 7  $\mu\text{m}$



# NIR SiC Mount

- SiC is good match to detector Si ROIC (readout IC).
- ROIC with attached detector material is directly glued to the SiC – no BCS (bonded composite structure).
- Robust connector; blind mating to electronics box.
- Near four-side abutable.
- Low and high-speed 32-channel readout, reference pixels and window modes supported.

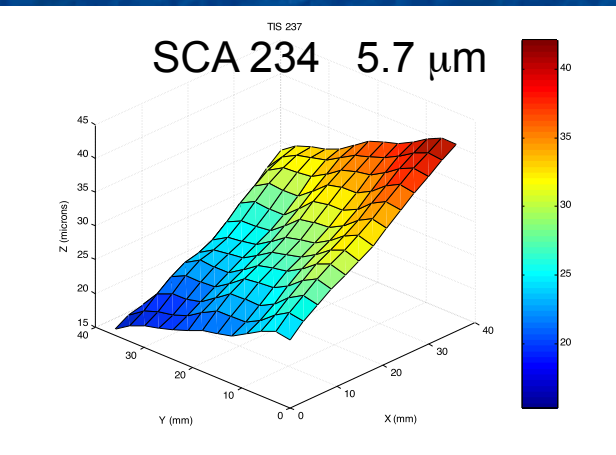
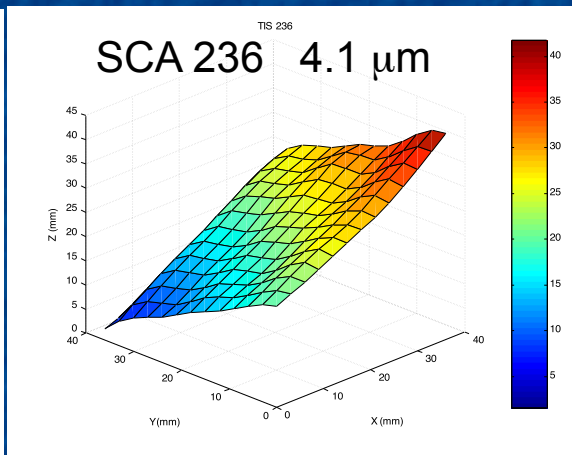
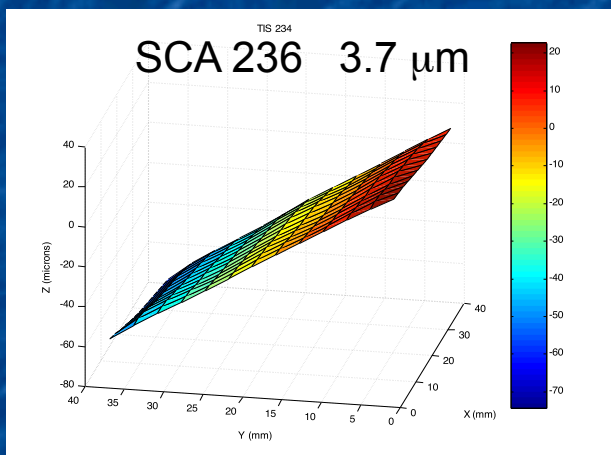


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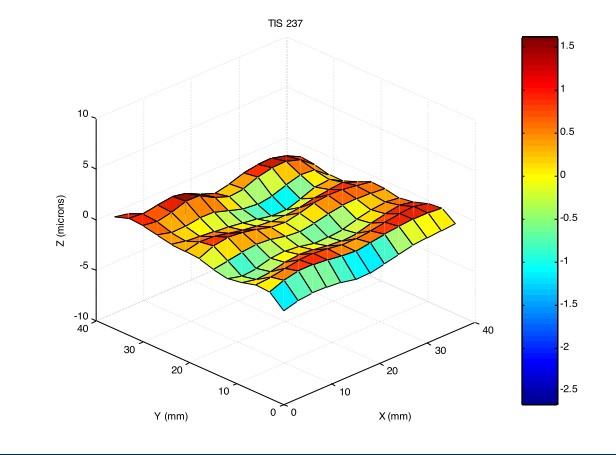
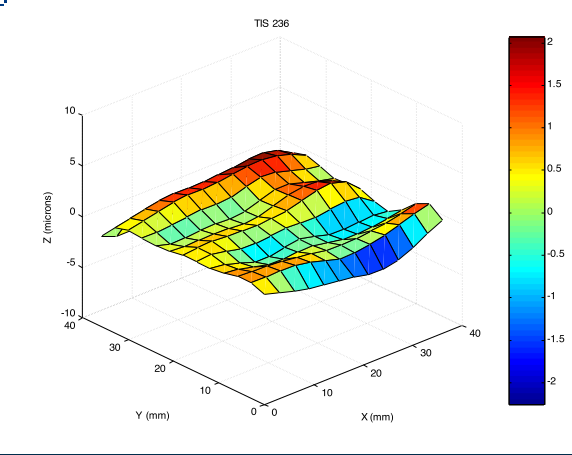
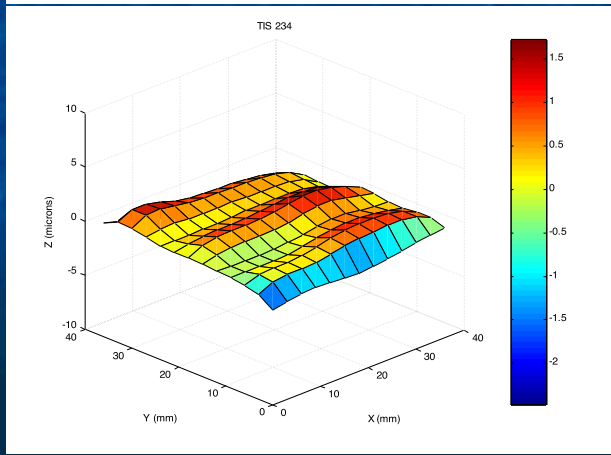


- One of the drivers for engineering the mounts was to meet stringent focal plane flatness tolerances – 20  $\mu\text{m}$  (p-p) was allocated.
- Total achieved flatness *at the detector material* is shown for three parts.

Raw



Fit



Bottom plots are deviation from best fit plane. The mounts provide this adjustment.

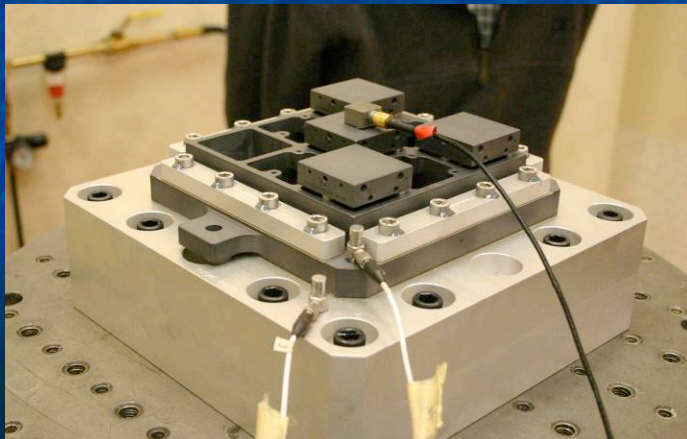
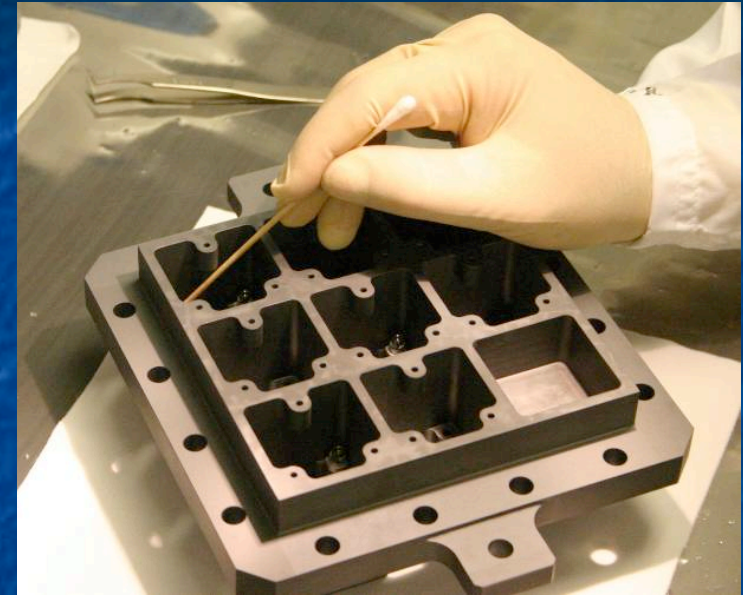
# SiC Focal Plane



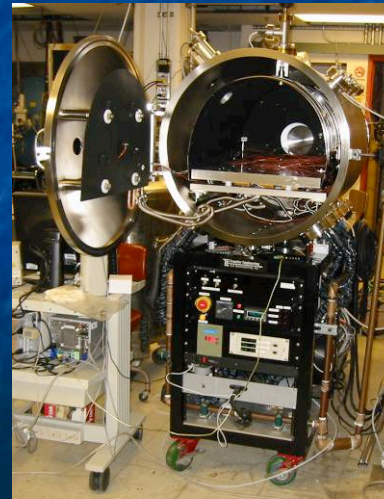
3x3 SiC demonstrator

Demonstrator focal plane has shown:

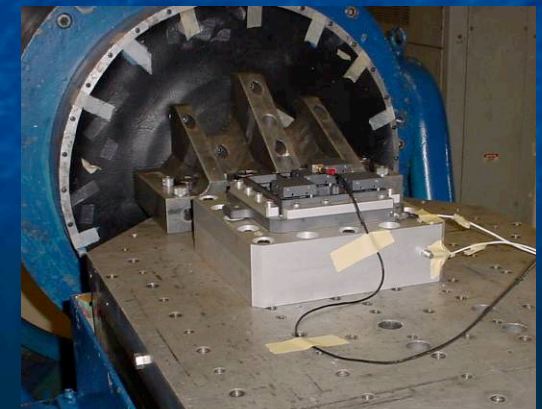
- Precision SiC components are achievable - flatness to  $2\ \mu\text{m}$ .
- Metrology of focal plane, detectors, and assemblies meet flatness spec achievable *without* shimming.
- Position stability after vibration test of focal plane, mounts, and electronic module simulators.
- Thermal performance with simulated heat loads matches models.
- Position stability after thermal cycle test of focal plane, detectors, and electronic module simulators.



Instrumented for vibration test



Thermal-vacuum

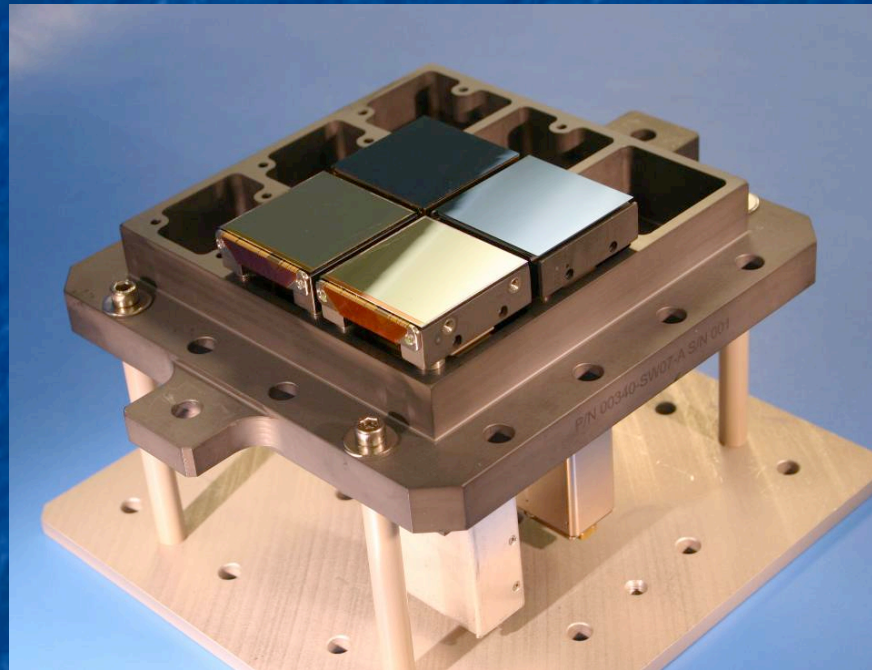


Mounted on vibration table

# Demonstrator System



- Now that we have developed the parts, effort is shifting to system testing.
- Demonstrate interoperability of multiple NIR and CCDs, mixed or monotype.
- Look for crosstalk – understand grounding and cabling – underway as I speak.



- Illustrated
  - Silicon carbide focal plane
  - Two CCDs and two NIR on SiC mounts.
  - Electronics modules directly attached.

# Accomplishment Highlights



## Detectors

- CCDs – radiation tolerant, fully depleted, good red response and small lateral charge diffusion.
- HgCdTe – 2k x 2k, 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$  cutoff arrays.
- Cryogenic ASICs for CCD control and readout.
- Small footprint packaging for SIDECAR ASIC.
- SiC mounts for NIR and CCD enabling heterogeneous focal plane mosaic.

## Characterization Techniques

- Virtual knife edge diffusion measurement for CCD.
- Multiple IPC measurement methods for NIR.
- Sub-pixel light beam mapping of intra and inter pixel response for CCD and NIR.
- Precision QE and reflectance measurements for CCD and NIR.
- Persistence analysis methods and model for NIR.
- Pixel response non-uniformity methods for CCD and NIR.
- Reciprocity measurement for NIR.
- Image projection and reconstruction of shapes coming for CCD and NIR.

Thank you

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