

# Imaging Sensor Technologies for Astronomy, Planetary Exploration & Earth Observation

(and possibly also for particle accelerators and synchrotrons)

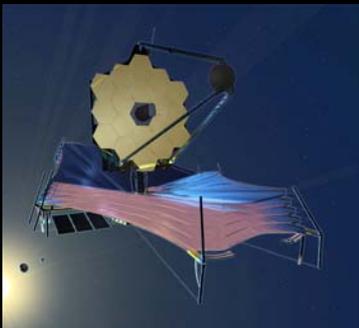
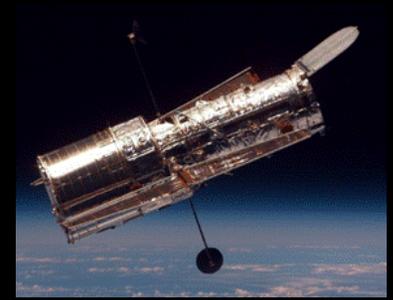
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## Teledyne

Providing the best images  
of the Universe



# Teledyne – NASA’s Partner in Astronomy



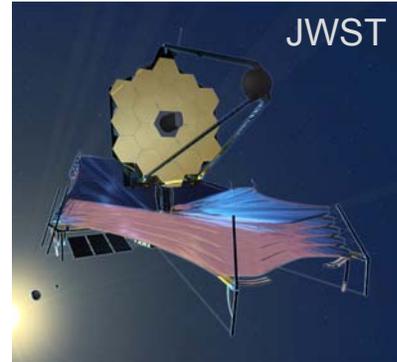
HST

NICMOS, WFC3, ACS Repair



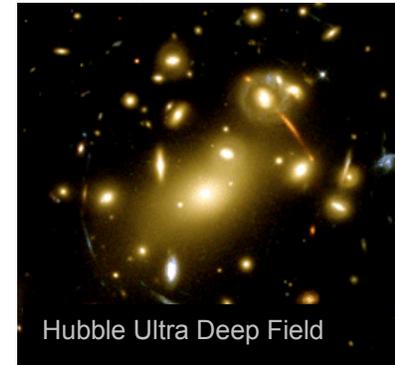
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Bands 1 & 2

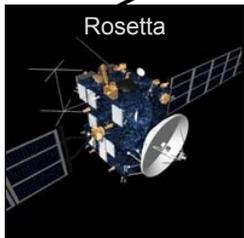
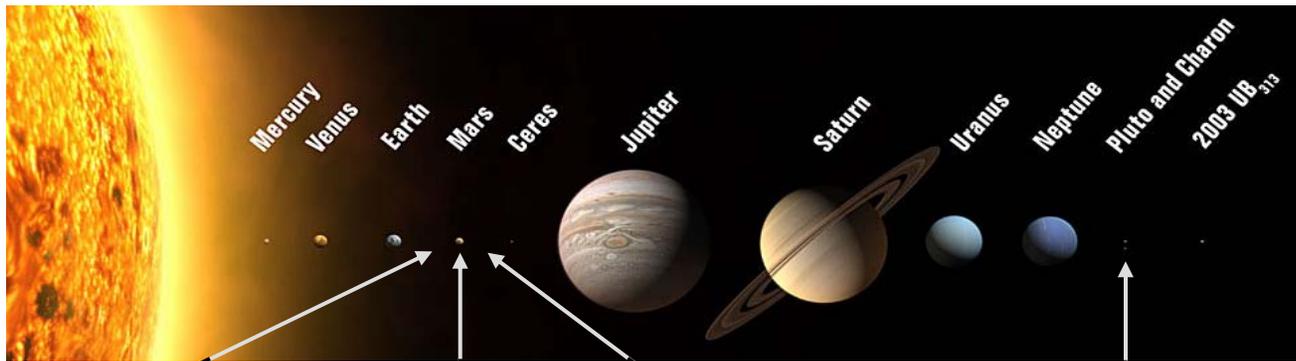


JWST

NIRCam, NIRSpec, FGS



Hubble Ultra Deep Field



Rosetta

Lander (çiva)



Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter

CRISM (Vis & IR)



Deep Impact & EPOXI

IR spectrograph



New Horizons

IR spectrograph

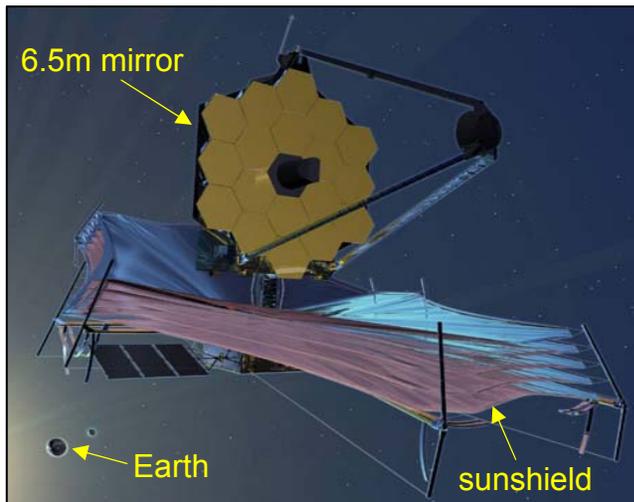


JDEM

Joint Dark Energy Mission

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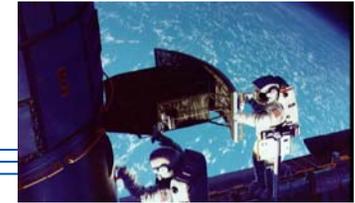
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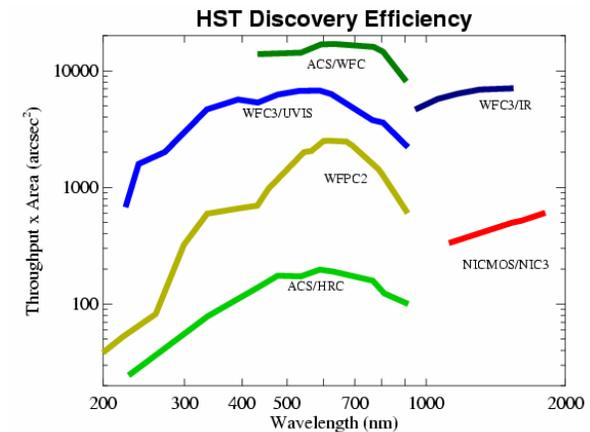
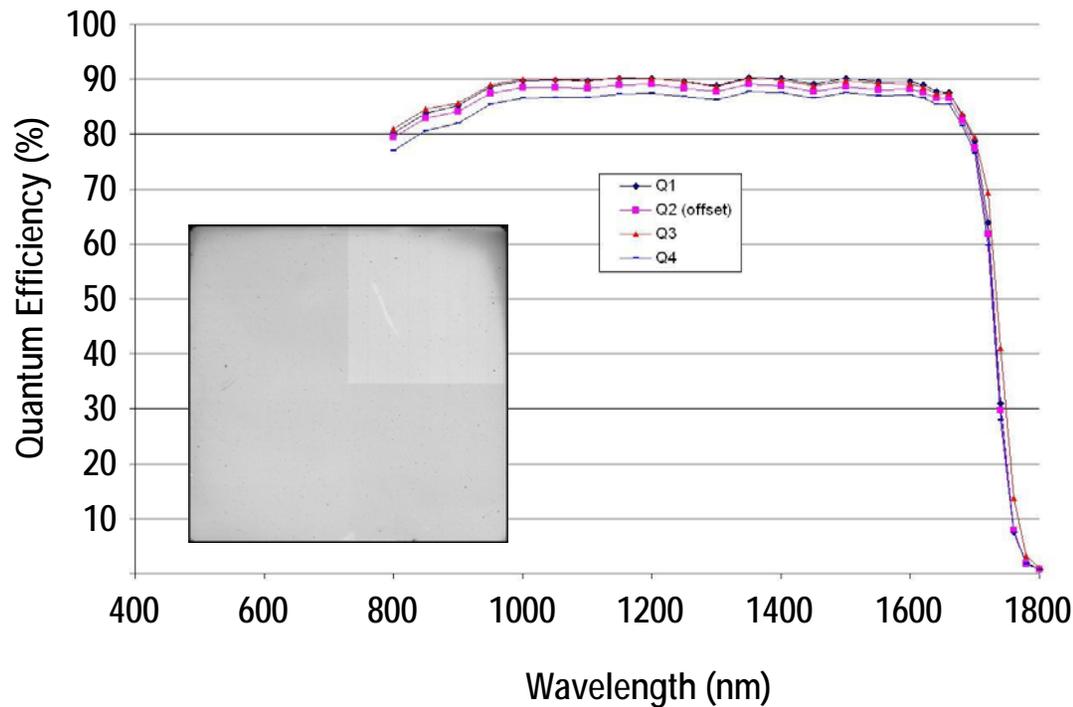
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# Wide Field Camera 3 Hubble Space Telescope



- High quality, substrate-removed 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$  HgCdTe arrays delivered to Goddard Space Flight Center
- H1RG: 1024 x 1024 pixels (18 micron pixel pitch)
- Will be installed in Hubble Space Telescope in 2009
- Nearly 30x increase in HST discovery efficiency



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

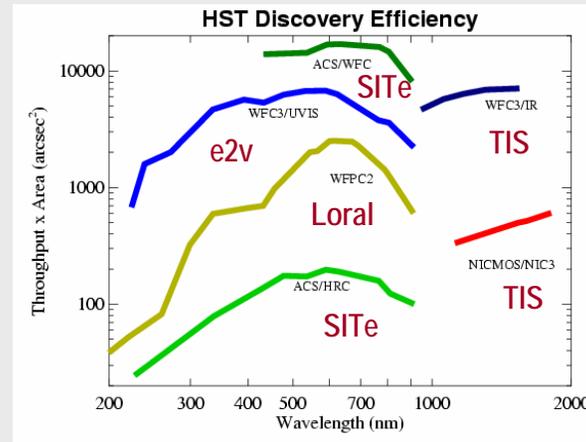


# Hubble Space Telescope Servicing Mission 4



## Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3)

Teledyne H1R  
1Kx1K  
Infrared array



## Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS)

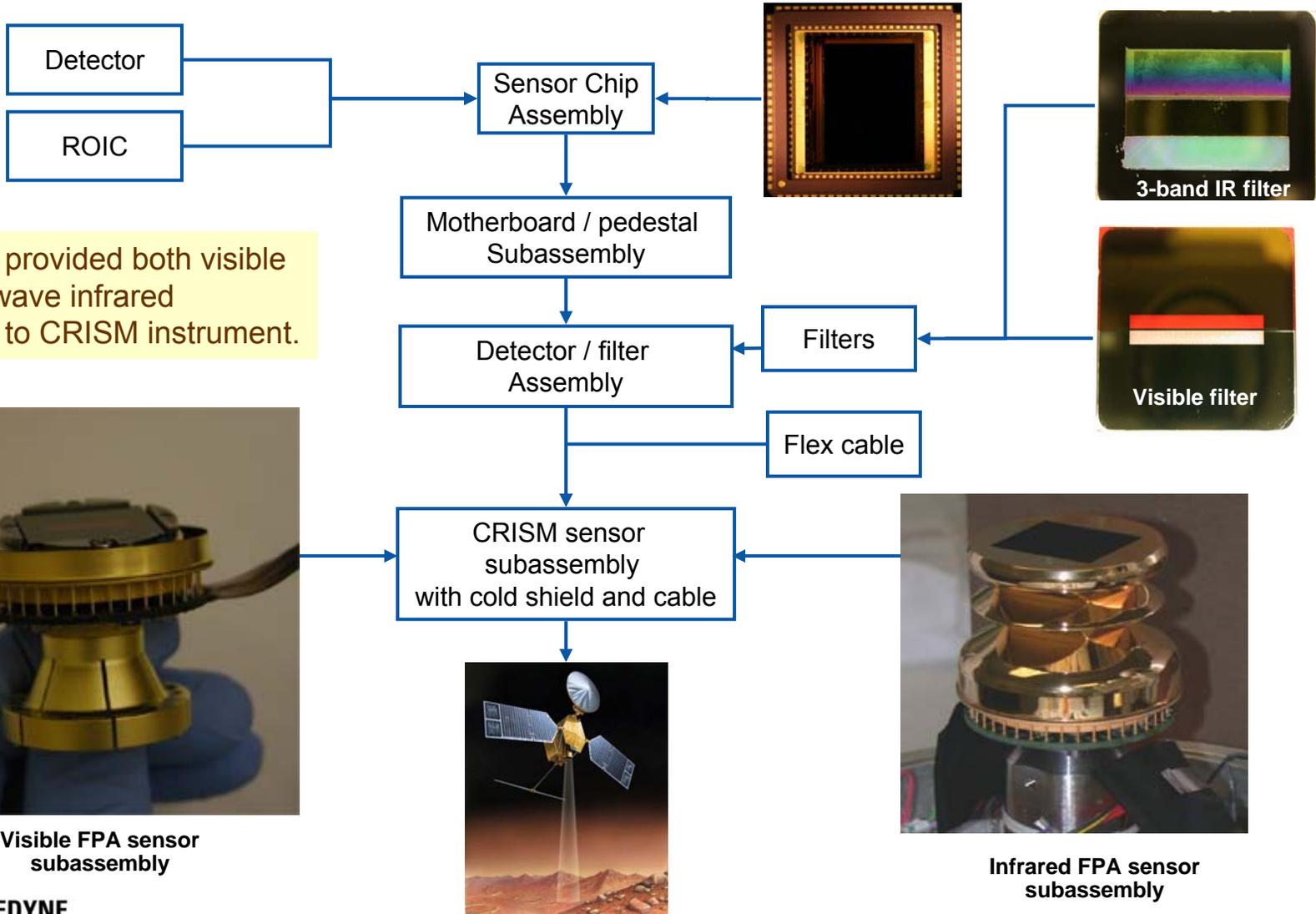
Most used instrument on HST inoperable since electronics failure in Jan 2007

Teledyne SIDECAR ASIC is heart of the repair electronics



# CRISM

Compact Reconnaissance Imaging Spectrometer for Mars



Teledyne provided both visible and mid-wave infrared detectors to CRISM instrument.

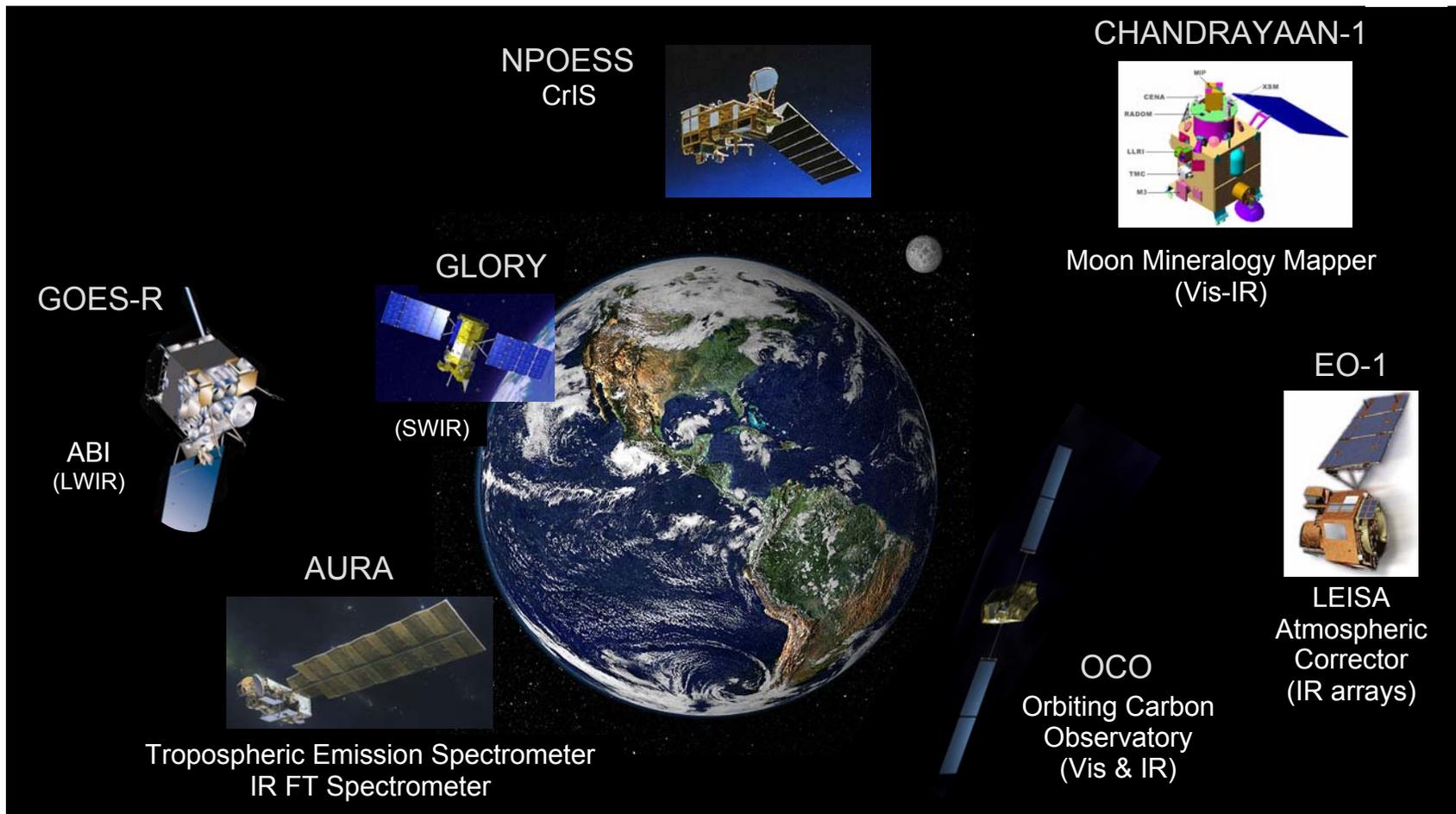


Visible FPA sensor subassembly



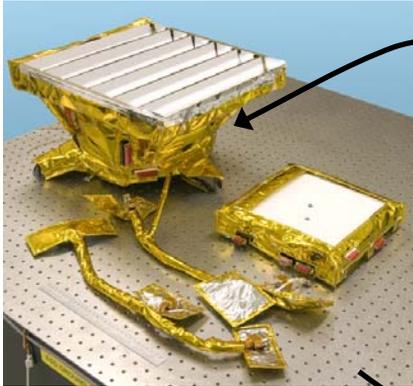
Infrared FPA sensor subassembly

# NASA's and NOAA's Partner for Earth Observation

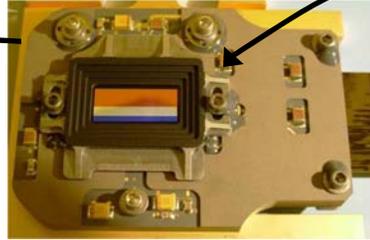


**Visible to 16.5 microns**

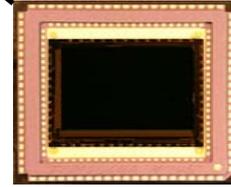
# Moon Mineralogy Mapper - Visible / Near Infrared Imaging Spectrometer launched Wednesday, October 22, 2008



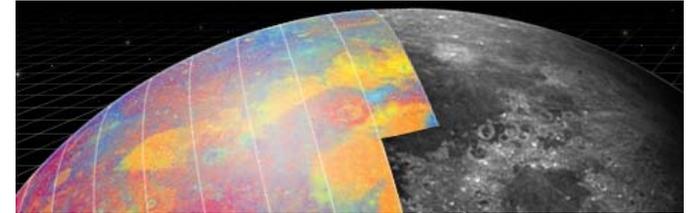
Instrument at JPL before shipment to India



Focal Plane Assembly

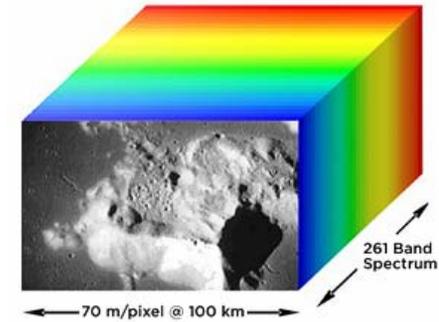


Sensor Chip Assembly



2 year mission will map the entire lunar surface

- Teledyne Infrared FPA
- 640 x 480 pixels (27  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch)
  - Substrate-removed HgCdTe (0.4 to 3.0  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - 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



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



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



Chandrayaan-1 in the  
Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle



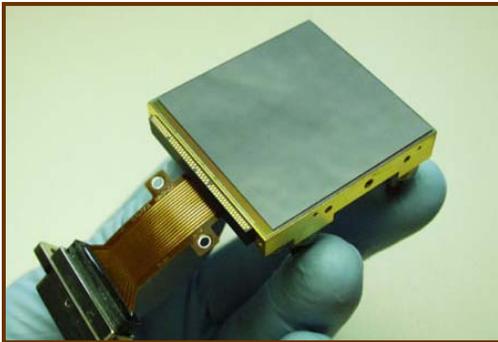
Launch from Satish  
Dhawan Space Centre



Journey Earth to Moon  
100 km altitude lunar orbit

# Leading Supplier of IR Arrays To Ground-based Astronomy

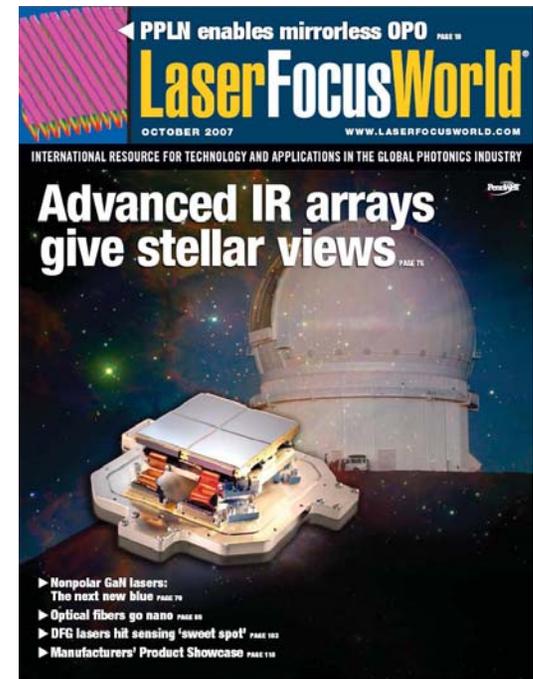
- H2RG (2048×2048 pixels) is the leading IR FPA in ground-based IR astronomy
- 4096×4096 pixel mosaic commissioned at European Southern Observatory in July 2007
  - 6<sup>th</sup> mosaic at major telescope, two more mosaics to be commissioned in 2009



ESO Very Large Telescope (VLT) Facility - Chile



ESO VLT 8.2-m telescope



# Energy of a photon

$$E = h\nu$$

$h$  = Planck constant ( $6.63 \cdot 10^{-34}$  Joule $\cdot$ sec)

$\nu$  = frequency of light (cycles/sec) =  $\lambda/c$

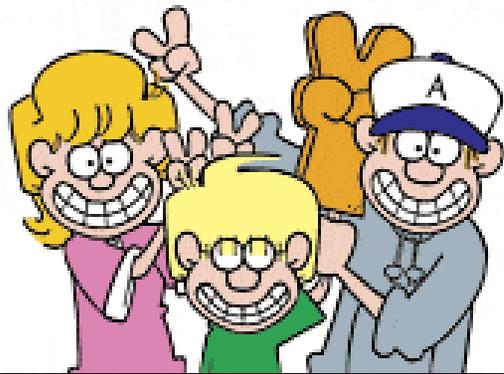
1 eV =  $1.6 \cdot 10^{-19}$  J (J = joule)

Wavelength ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Energy (eV)	Band
0.3	4.13	Ultraviolet
0.5	2.48	Visible
0.7	1.77	Visible
1.0	1.24	Near IR
2.5	0.50	Short Wave IR
5.0	0.25	Mid Wave IR
10.0	0.12	Long Wave IR
20.0	0.06	Very Long Wave IR



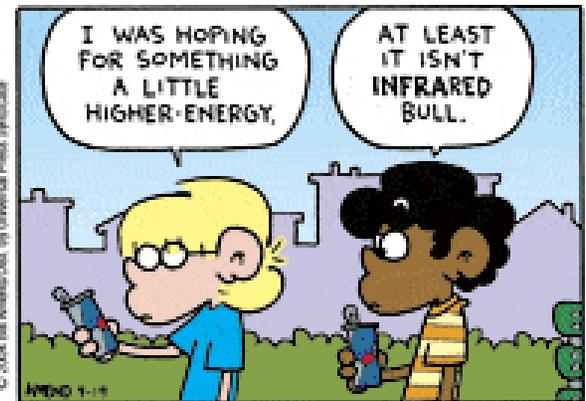
- Energy of photons is typically stated in electron-volts (eV)
- eV = energy that an electron gets when it “falls” through a 1 volt field.





# FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



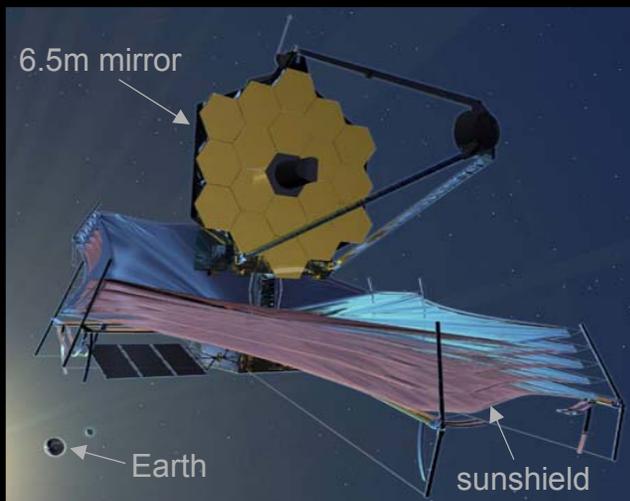
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# The energy of a photon is VERY small

- The number of photons that will be detected by the James Webb Space Telescope in 5 years is about  **$4 \times 10^{16}$  photons**
  - One image every 20 minutes (~150,000 images)
  - 15 arrays, each ~4 million pixels (63 million pixels)
  - Average pixel is at 4% full well (FW): ~4000 photons
    - 1% at 100% FW, 10% at 20% FW, 10% at 5% FW, 50% at 1% FW
- Total photon energy is  $2 \times 10^{16}$  eV
  - 2.5 micron IR photon is 0.5 eV
- Potential energy of a peanut M&M<sup>®</sup> candy dropped from a height of 6 inches is  $\sim 2 \times 10^{16}$  eV
  - A peanut M&M<sup>®</sup> is ~2 g
  - $mgh = (2 \times 10^{-3}) \cdot (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) \cdot (1.5 \times 10^{-1}) / (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J per eV}) \approx 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ eV}$
- **The amount of IR photon energy absorbed by the JWST over 5 years is the same energy as dropping a peanut M&M<sup>®</sup> candy 6 inches !**

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

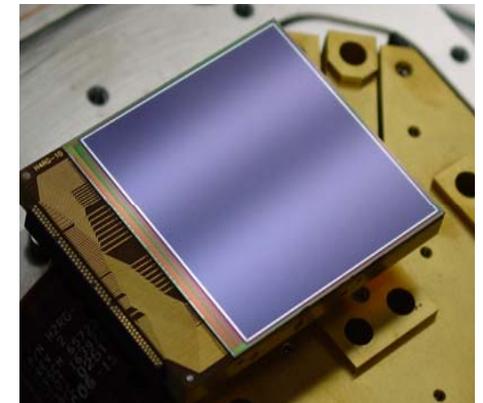
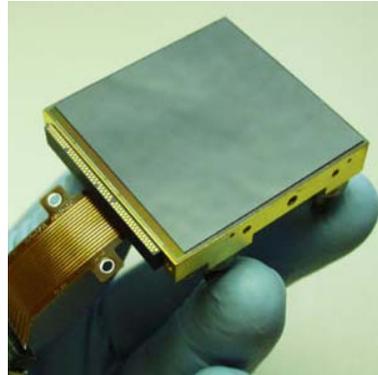
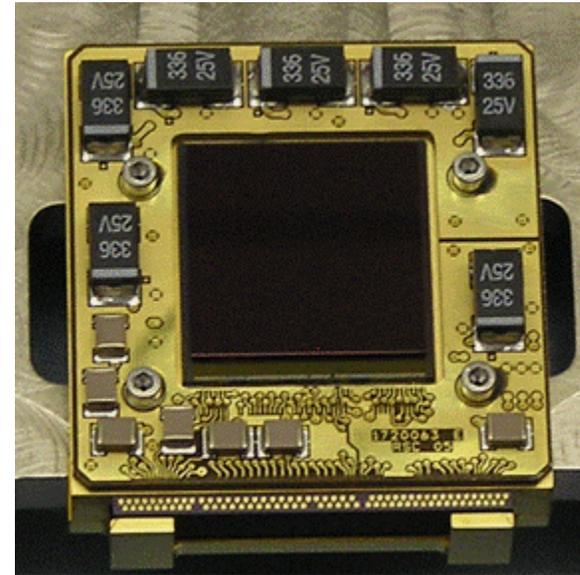
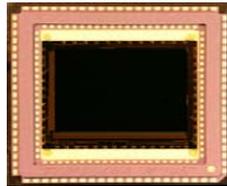
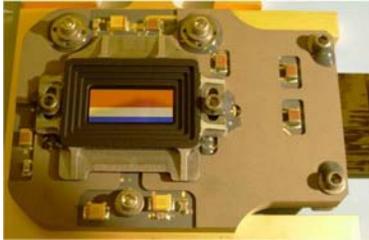
$$1 \text{ J} = \text{N} \cdot \text{m} = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{sec}^{-2} \cdot \text{m}$$

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

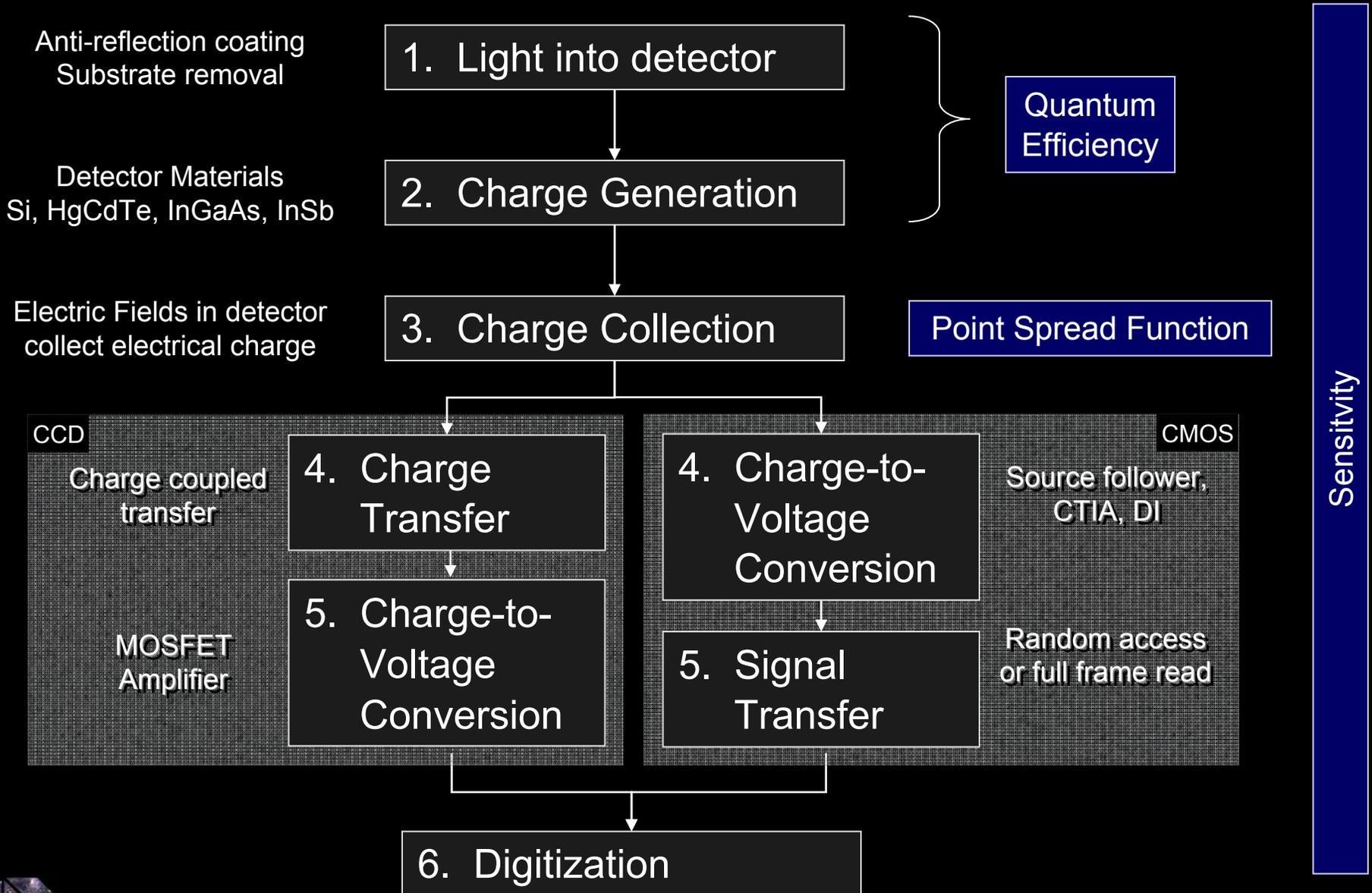
# The Technologies of High Performance Imagers

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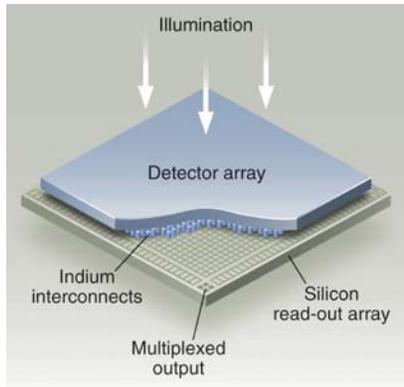
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# 6 steps of optical / IR photon detection



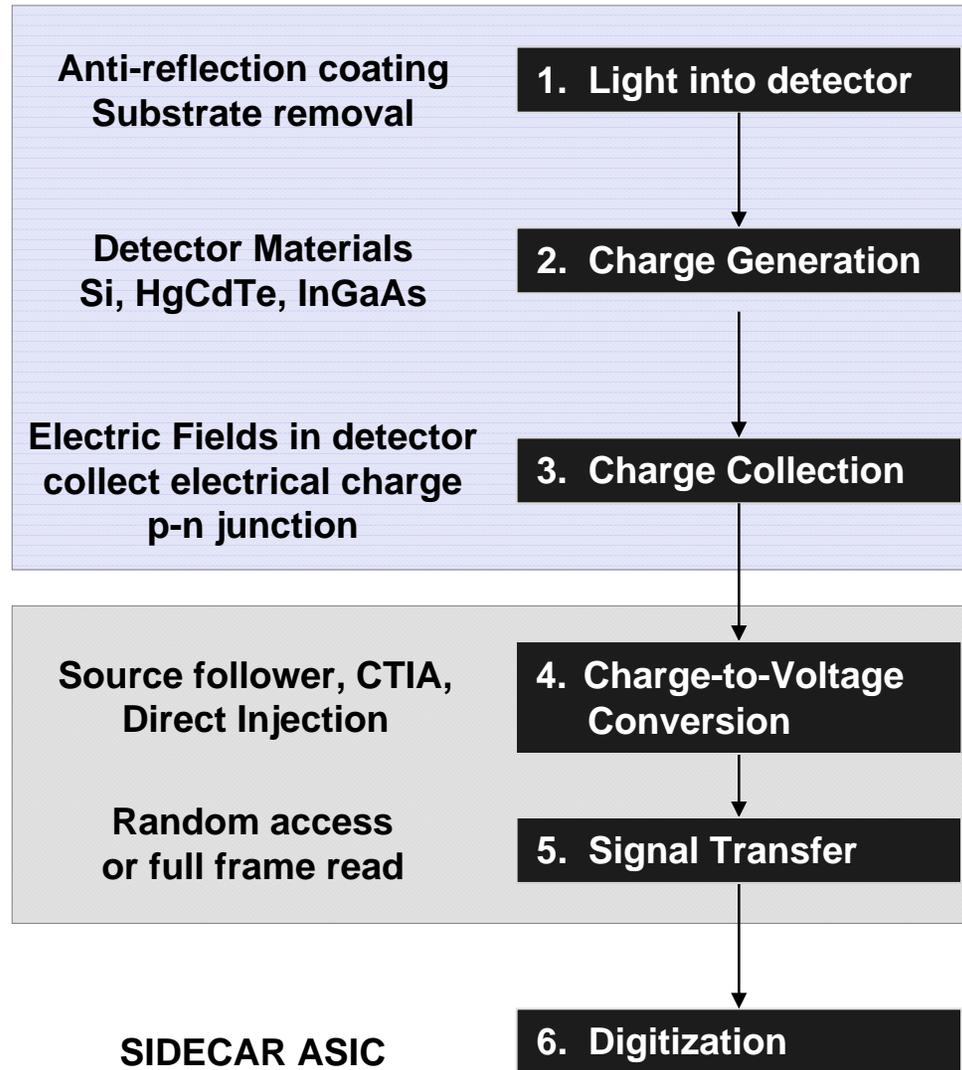
# 6 Steps of CMOS-based X-ray → IR Photon Detection



**HYBRID SENSOR CHIP ASSEMBLY (SCA)**



**SIDECAR ASIC**

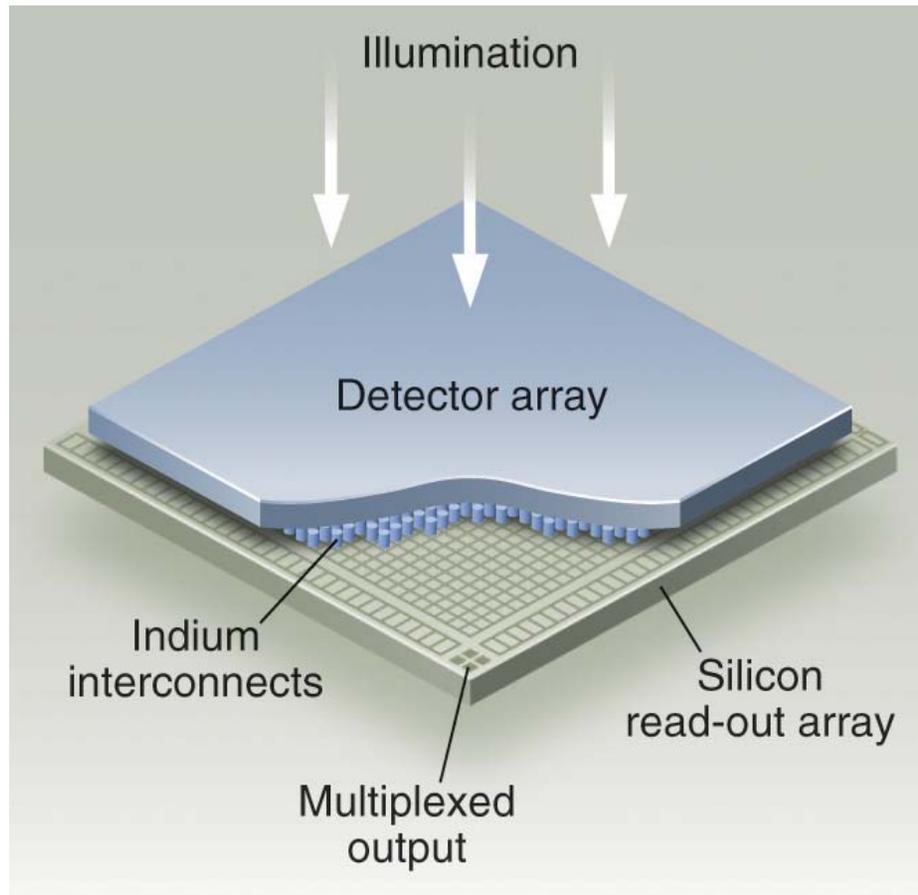


**Quantum Efficiency**

**Point Spread Function**

**Sensitivity**

# Hybrid CMOS Infrared Imaging Sensors

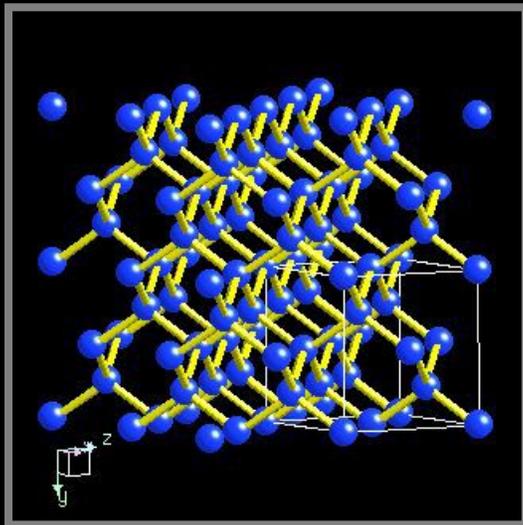
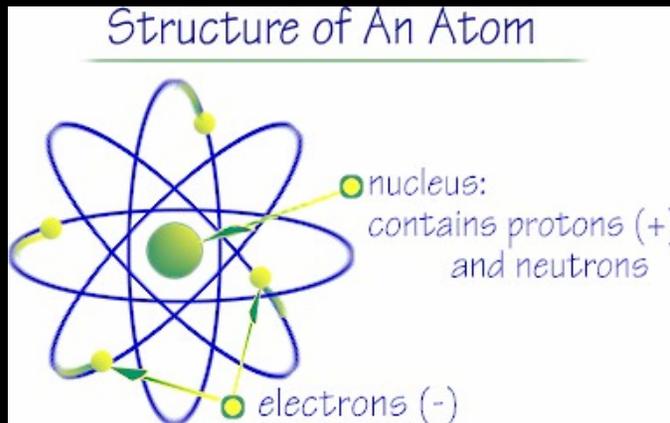


## Large, high performance IR arrays

### Three Key Technologies

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

# Crystals are excellent detectors of light



Silicon crystal lattice

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

- Alkali metals
- Alkaline earth metals
- Transition metals
- Lanthanides
- Actinides
- Poor metals
- Semi-metals
- Non-metals
- Noble gases

57 <b>La</b> Lanthanum 138.9	58 <b>Ce</b> Cerium 140.1	59 <b>Pr</b> Praseodymium 140.9	60 <b>Nd</b> Neodymium 144.2	61 <b>Pm</b> Promethium 147.0	62 <b>Sm</b> Samarium 150.4	63 <b>Eu</b> Europium 152.0	64 <b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 157.3	65 <b>Tb</b> Terbium 158.9	66 <b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 162.5	67 <b>Ho</b> Holmium 164.9	68 <b>Er</b> Erbium 167.3	69 <b>Tm</b> Thulium 168.9	70 <b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 173.0	71 <b>Lu</b> Lutetium 175.0
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87 <b>Fr</b> Francium 223.0	88 <b>Ra</b> Radium 226.0	89-103 Actinides	104 <b>Rf</b> Rutherfordium 261	105 <b>Db</b> Dubnium 262	106 <b>Sg</b> Seaborgium 263	107 <b>Bh</b> Bohrium 262	108 <b>Hs</b> Hassium 265	109 <b>Mt</b> Meitnerium 266	110 <b>Uun</b> Ununnilium 272														

**Detector Families**

- Si** - IV semiconductor
- HgCdTe** - II-VI semiconductor
- InGaAs & InSb** - III-V semiconductors

Types of Elements Key:

- Alkali metals
- Alkaline earth metals
- Transition metals
- Lanthanides
- Actinides
- Poor metals
- Semi-metals
- Non-metals
- Noble gases

89 <b>La</b> Lanthanum 138.9	90 <b>Ce</b> Cerium 140.1	91 <b>Pr</b> Praseodymium 140.9	92 <b>Nd</b> Neodymium 145.0	93 <b>Pm</b> Promethium 145.0	94 <b>Sm</b> Samarium 150.4	95 <b>Eu</b> Europium 152.0	96 <b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 157.3	97 <b>Tb</b> Terbium 158.9	98 <b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 162.5	99 <b>Ho</b> Holmium 164.9	100 <b>Er</b> Erbium 167.3	101 <b>Tm</b> Thulium 168.9	102 <b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 173.0	103 <b>Lu</b> Lutetium 174.9
99 <b>Ac</b> Actinium 152.0	90 <b>Th</b> Thorium 232.0	91 <b>Pa</b> Protactinium 231.0	92 <b>U</b> Uranium 238.0	93 <b>Np</b> Neptunium 237.0	94 <b>Pu</b> Plutonium 242.0	95 <b>Am</b> Americium 243.0	96 <b>Cm</b> Curium 247.0	97 <b>Bk</b> Berkelium 247.0	98 <b>Cf</b> Californium 251.0	99 <b>Es</b> Einsteinium 252.0	100 <b>Fm</b> Fermium 253.0	101 <b>Md</b> Mendelevium 258.0	102 <b>No</b> Nobelium 259.0	103 <b>Lr</b> Lawrencium 260.0

# Photon Detection

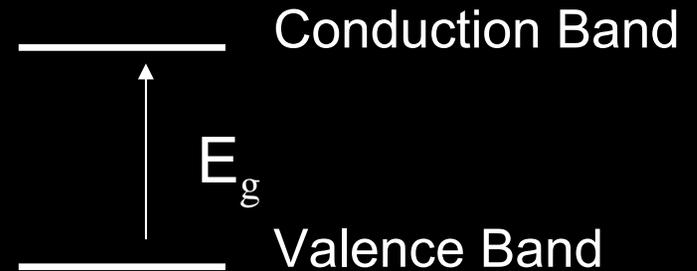
For an electron to be excited from the valence band to the conduction band

$$h\nu > E_g$$

$h$  = Planck constant ( $6.63 \times 10^{-34}$  Joule•sec)

$\nu$  = frequency of light (cycles/sec) =  $\lambda/c$

$E_g$  = energy gap of material (electron-volts)



$$\lambda_c = 1.238 / E_g \text{ (eV)}$$

Material Name	Symbol	$E_g$ (eV)	$\lambda_c$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
Silicon	Si	1.12	1.1
Indium-Gallium-Arsenide	InGaAs	0.73 – 0.48	1.68* – 2.6
Mer-Cad-Tel	HgCdTe	1.00 – 0.07	1.24 – 18
Indium Antimonide	InSb	0.23	5.5
Arsenic doped Silicon	Si:As	0.05	25

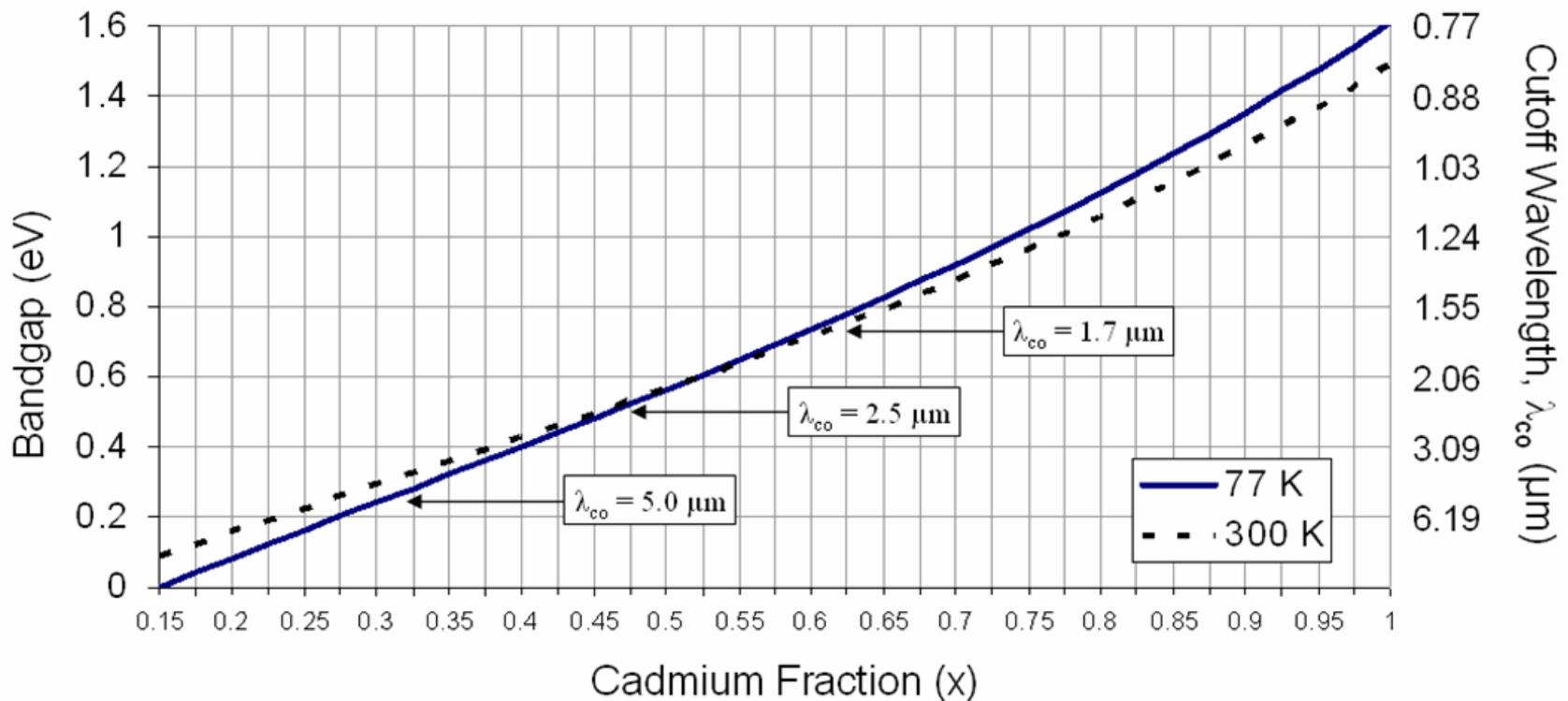
\*Lattice matched InGaAs ( $\text{In}_{0.53}\text{Ga}_{0.47}\text{As}$ )



# Tunable Wavelength: Unique property of HgCdTe

$\text{Hg}_{1-x}\text{Cd}_x\text{Te}$  Modify ratio of Mercury and Cadmium to “tune” the bandgap energy

**Bandgap and Cutoff Wavelength  
as function of Cadmium Fraction (x)**



$$E_g = -0.302 + 1.93x - 0.81x^2 + 0.832x^3 + 5.35 \times 10^{-4} T(1 - 2x)$$

# Absorption Depth

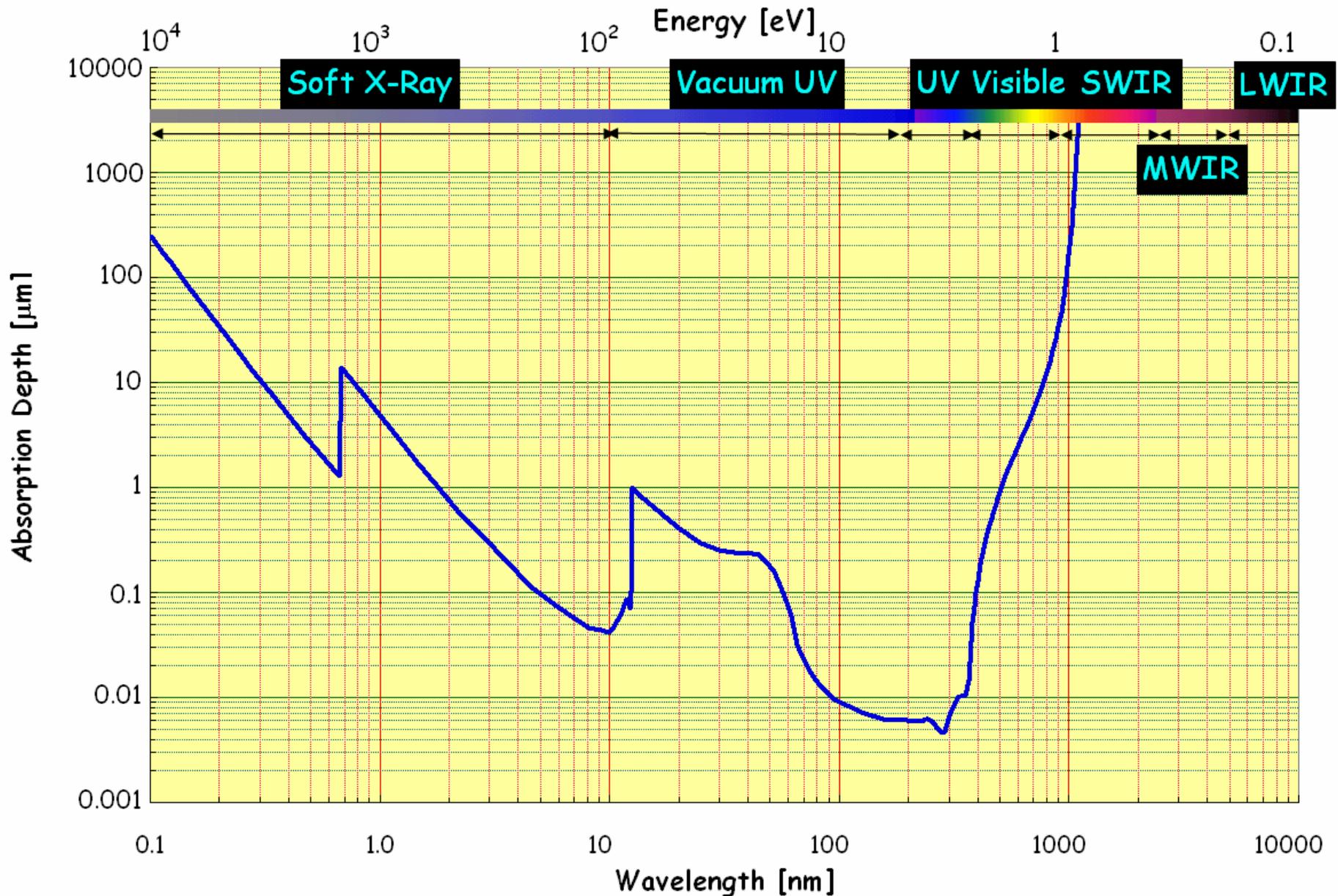
The depth of detector material that absorbs 63.2% of the radiation  
1/e of the energy is absorbed

1	absorption depth(s)	63.2% of light absorbed
2		86.5%
3		95.0%
4		98.2%

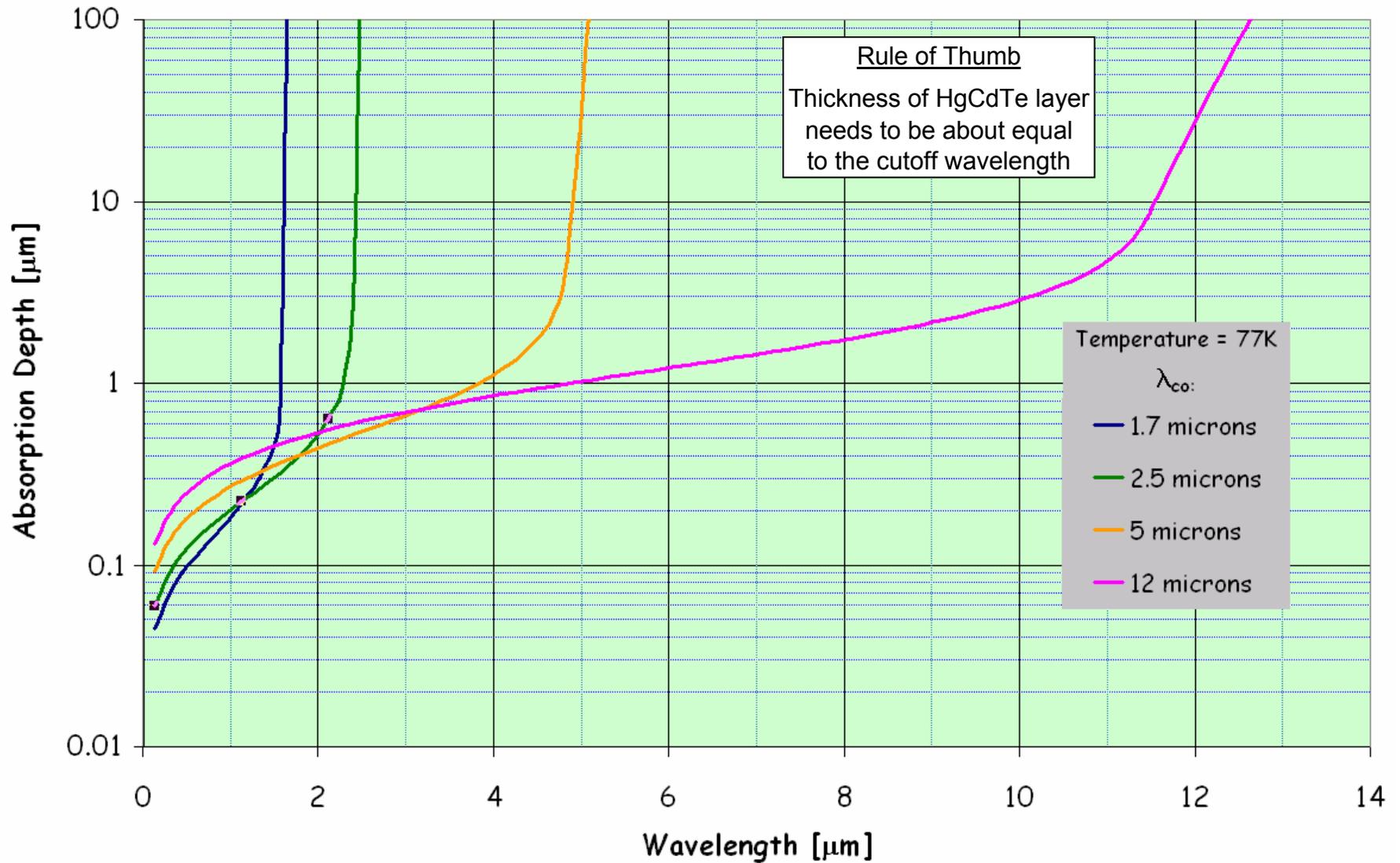
For high Quantum Efficiency,  
the thickness of detector material should be  $\geq 3$  absorption depths



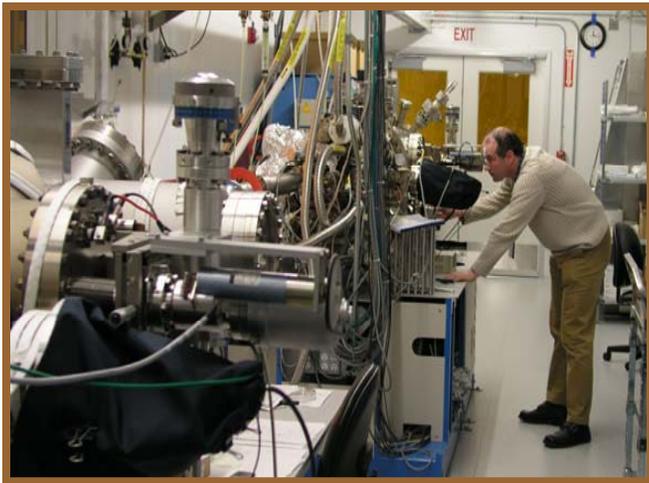
# Absorption Depth of Silicon



# Absorption Depth of Photons in HgCdTe



# Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) Growth of HgCdTe



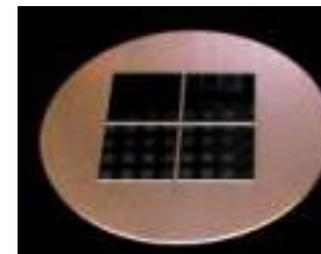
RIBER 3-in MBE Systems



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



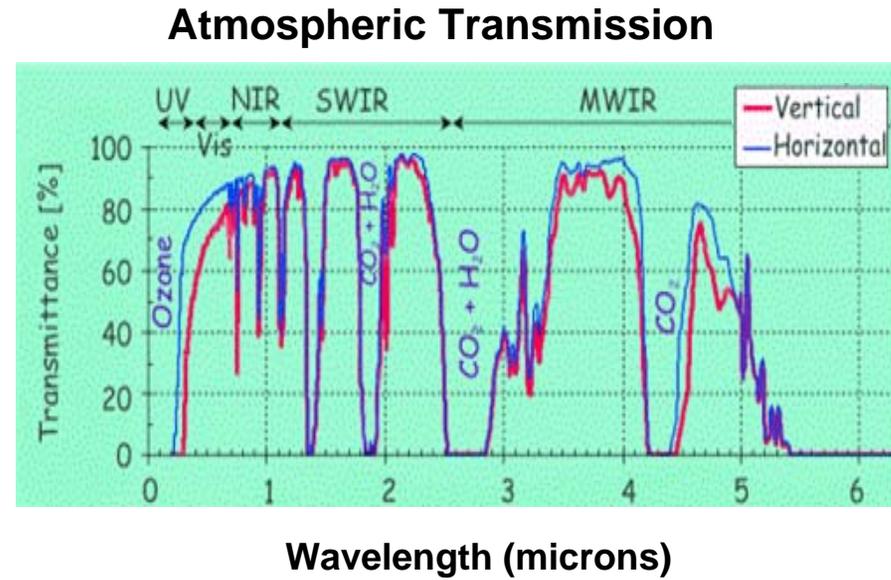
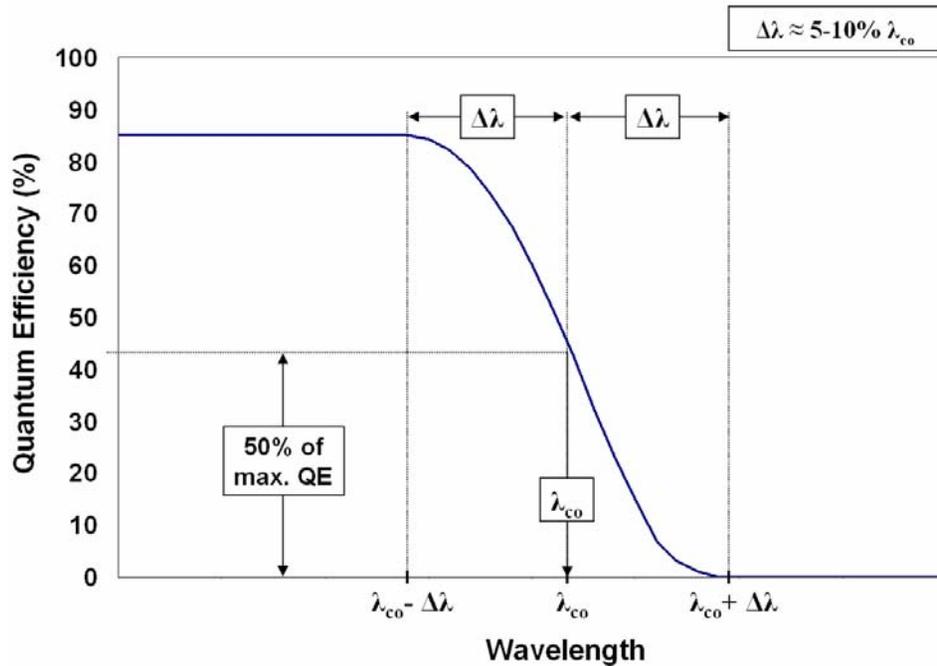
RIBER 10-in MBE 49 System



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

More than 7500 HgCdTe wafers grown to date

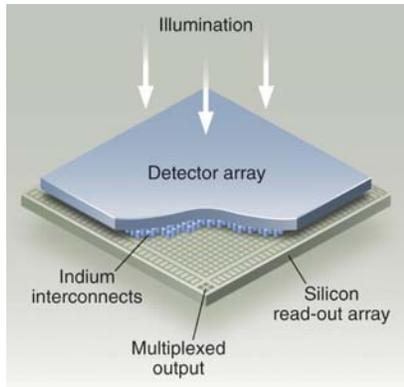
# HgCdTe Cutoff Wavelength



**“Standard” Ground-based astronomy cutoff wavelengths**

Near infrared (NIR)	1.75 $\mu\text{m}$	J,H
Short-wave infrared (SWIR)	2.5 $\mu\text{m}$	J,H,K
Mid-wave infrared (MWIR)	5.3 $\mu\text{m}$	J,H,K,L,M

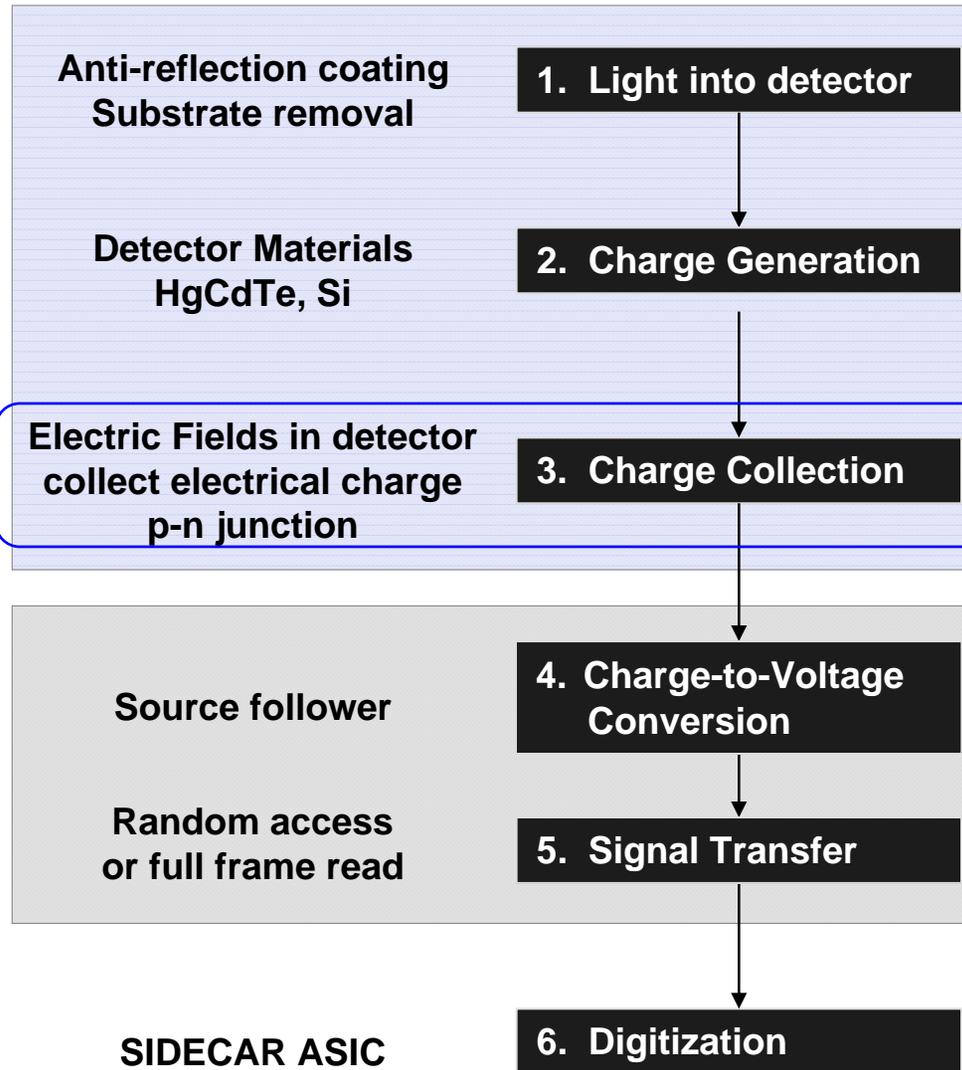
# 6 Steps of CMOS-based Optical / IR Photon Detection



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**SIDECAR ASIC**



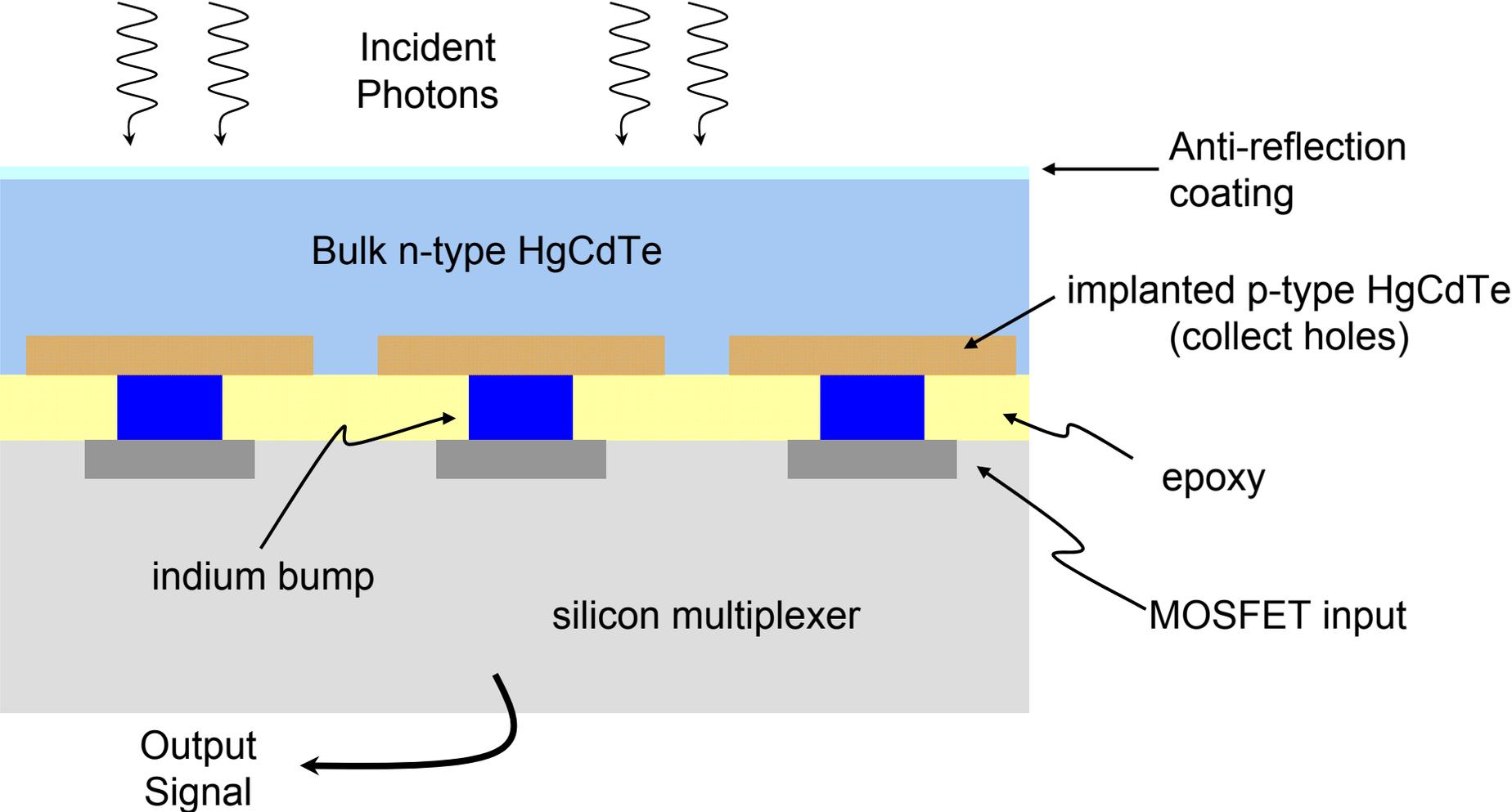
**SIDECAR ASIC**

Quantum Efficiency

Point Spread Function

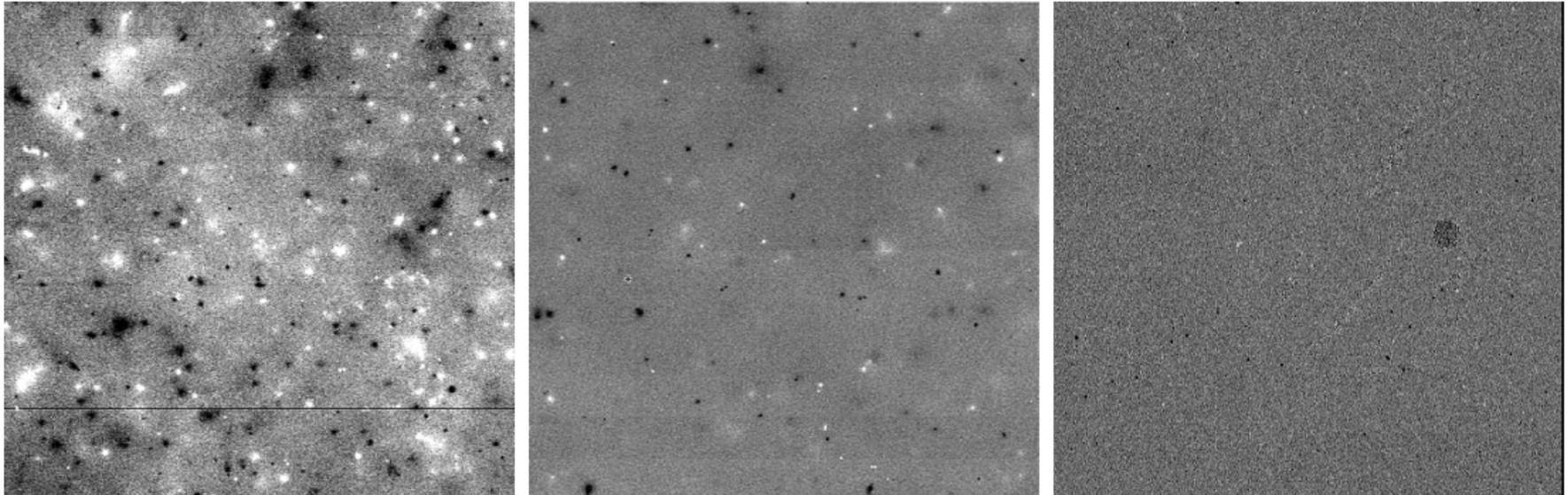
Sensitivity

# HgCdTe hybrid FPA cross-section (substrate removed)



# 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**

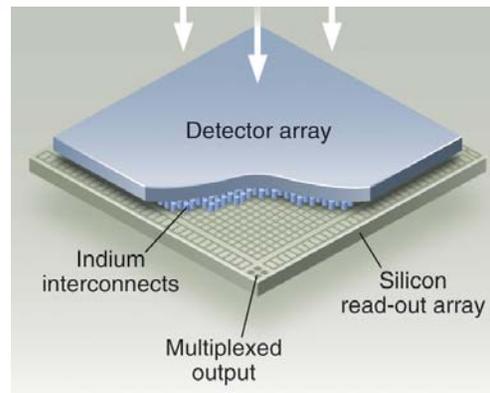
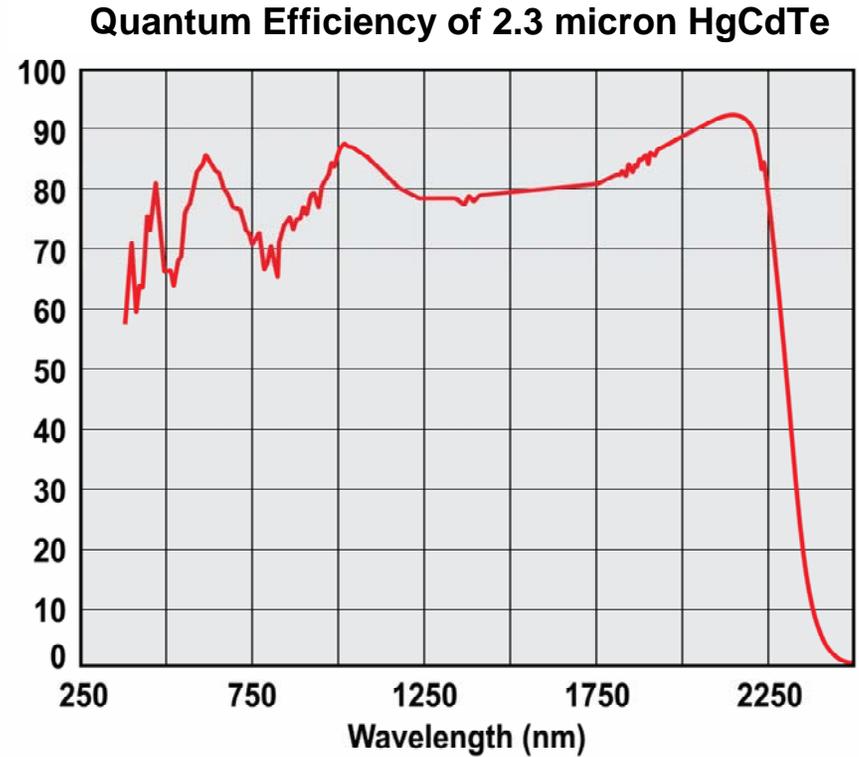
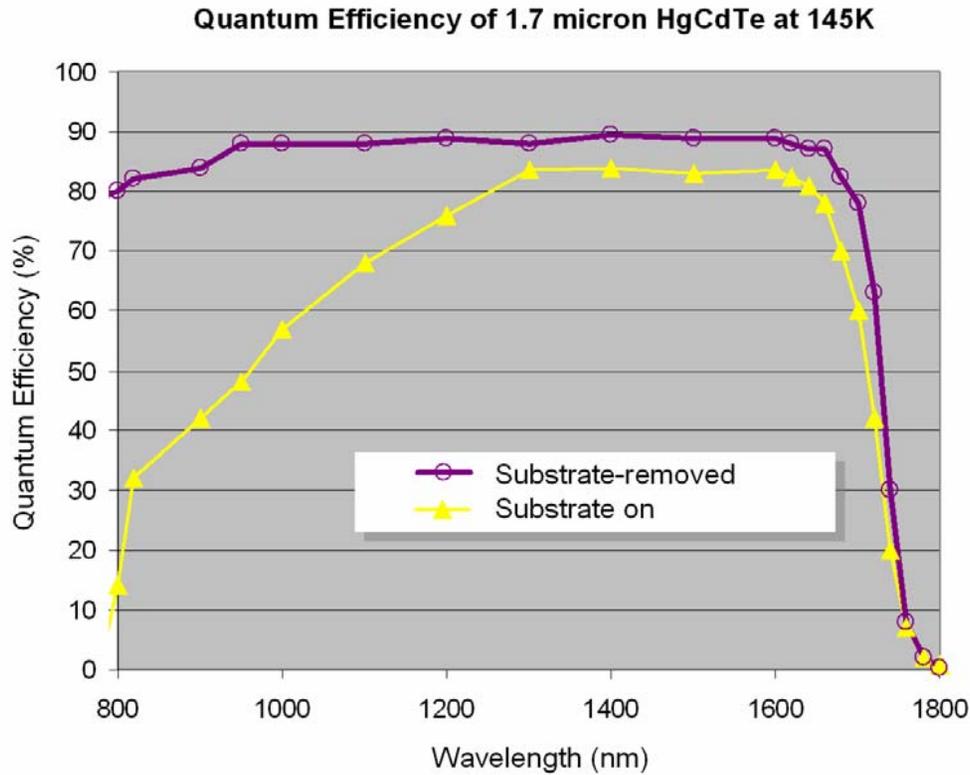
1.7um cutoff, substrate **off**

## Substrate Removal Positive Attributes

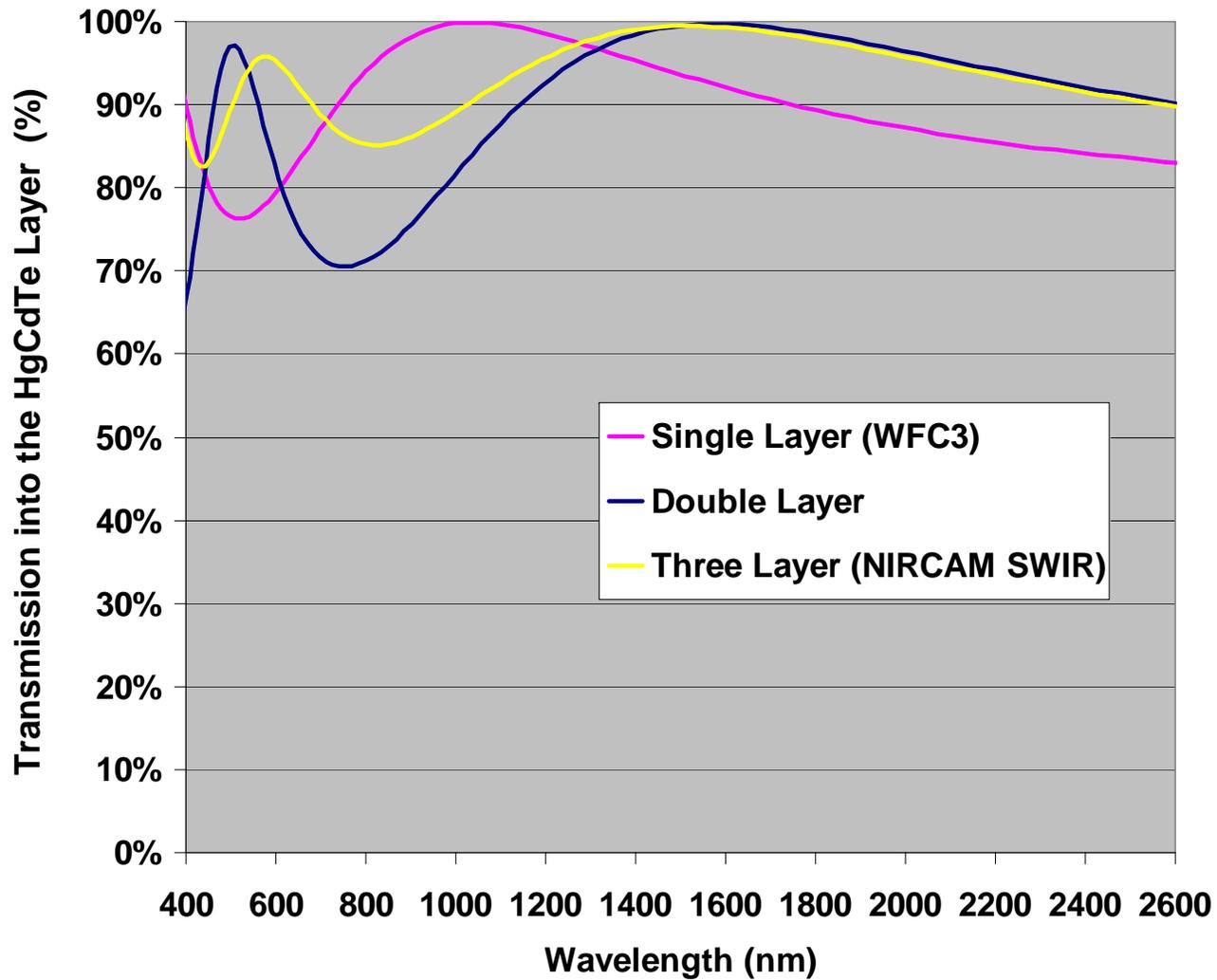
1. Higher QE in the near infrared
2. Visible light response
3. Eliminates cosmic ray fluorescence
4. Eliminates fringing in the substrate material
5. Eliminates CTE mismatch with silicon ROIC

Images courtesy of Roger Smith

# Quantum Efficiency of substrate-removed HgCdTe

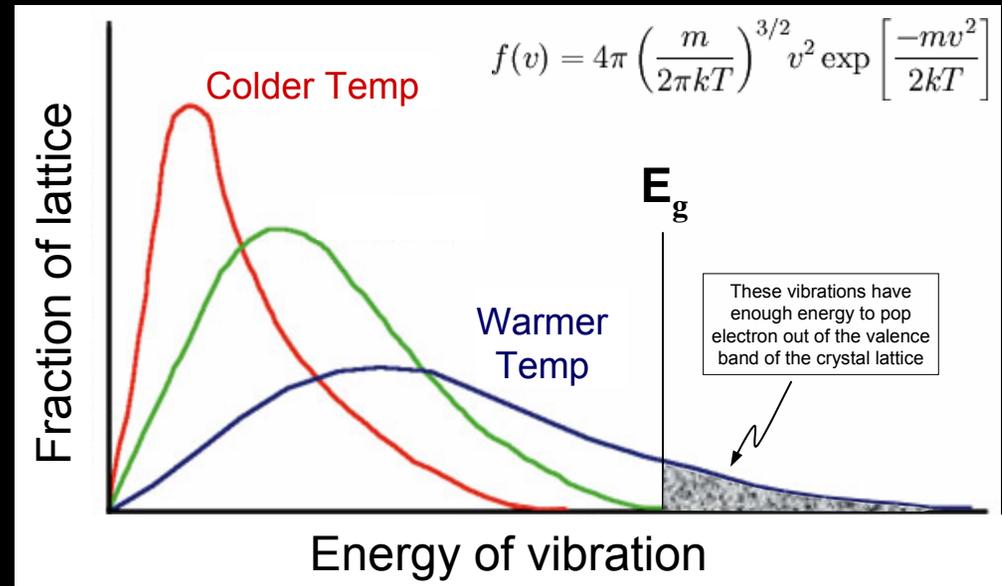
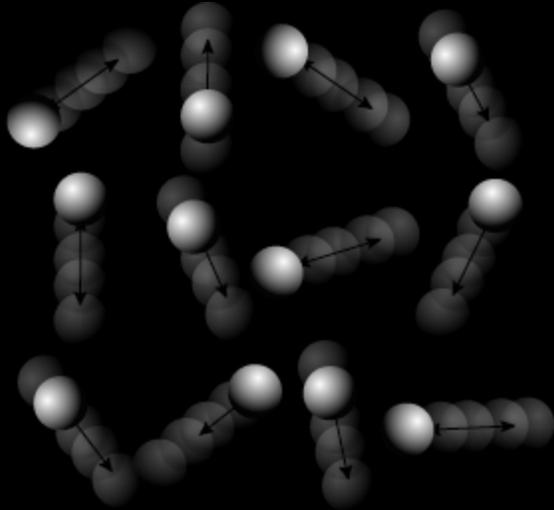


# Example Anti-reflection coatings for HgCdTe



# Dark Current

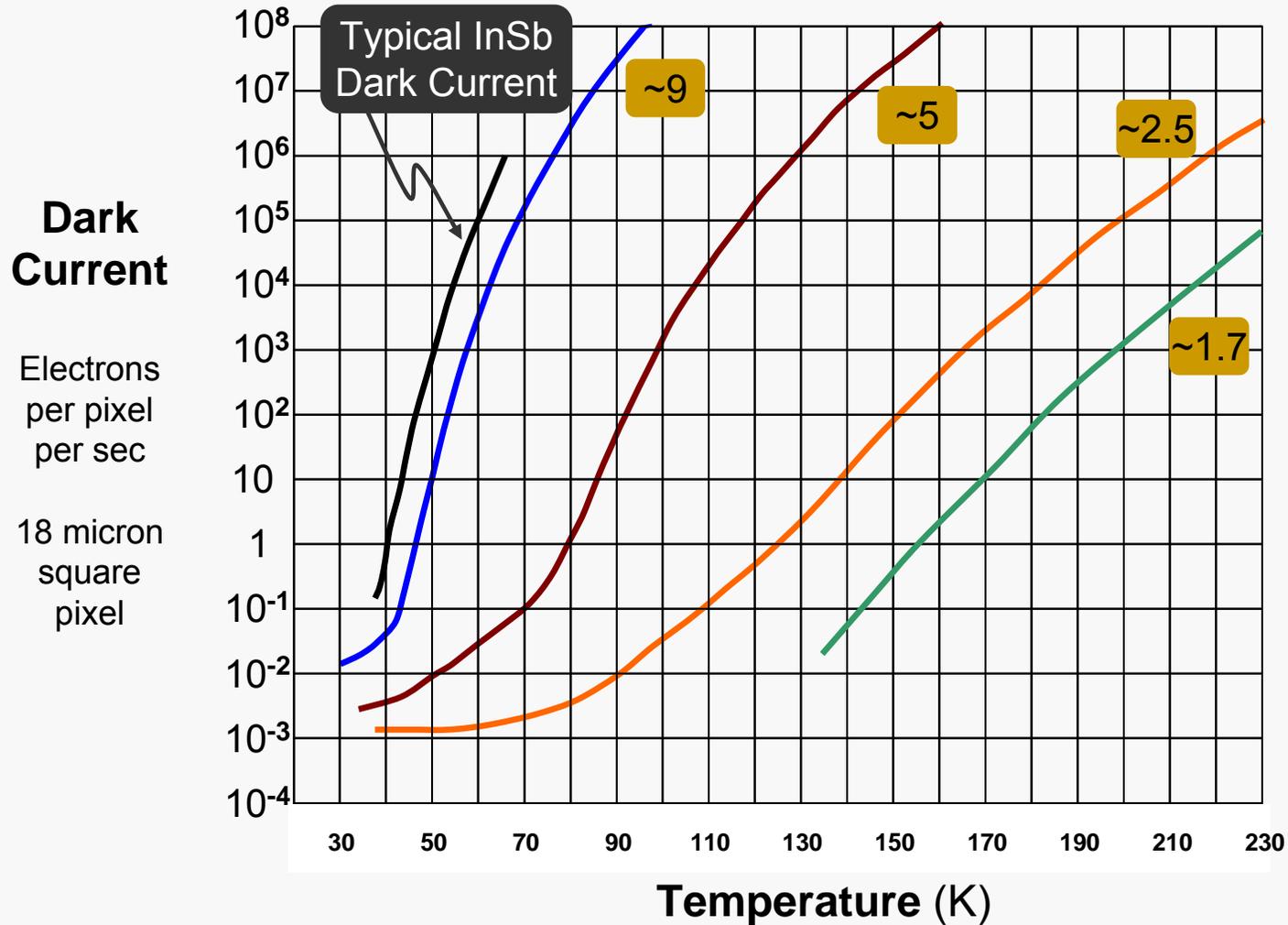
## Undesirable byproduct of light detecting materials



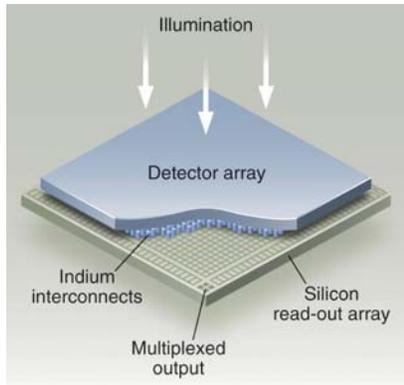
- The vibration of particles (includes crystal lattice phonons, electrons and holes) has energies described by the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution. Above absolute zero, some vibration energies may be larger than the bandgap energy, and will cause electron transitions from valence to conduction band.
- Need to cool detectors to limit the flow of electrons due to temperature, i.e. the **dark current** 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



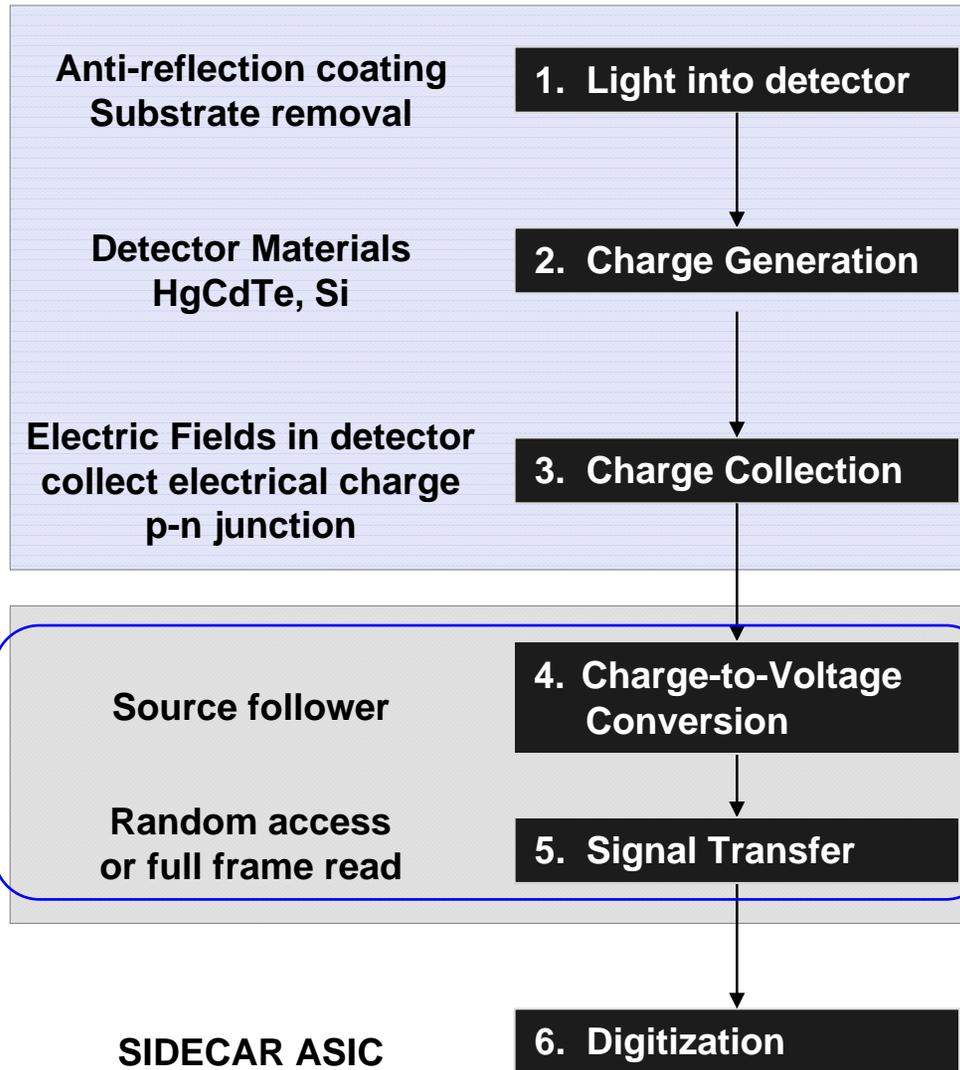
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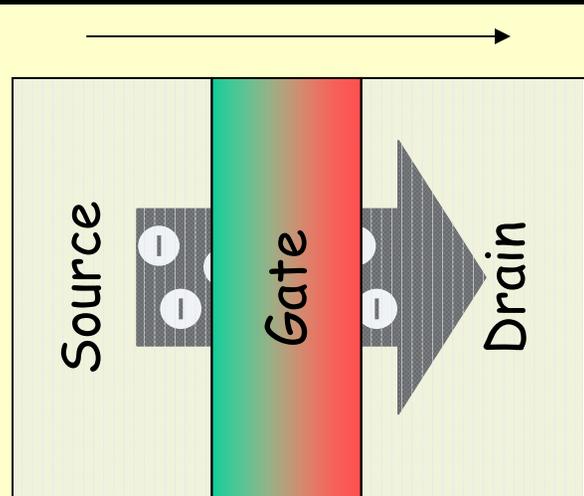
Point Spread Function

Sensitivity

# MOSFET Principles

MOSFET = metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistor

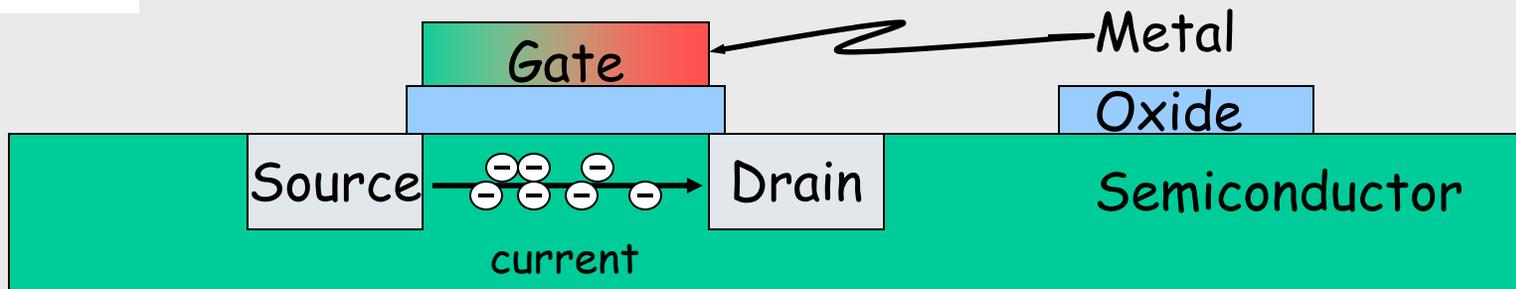
Top view



Turn on the MOSFET and current flows from source to drain

Add charge to gate & the current flow changes since the effect of the field of the charge will reduce the current

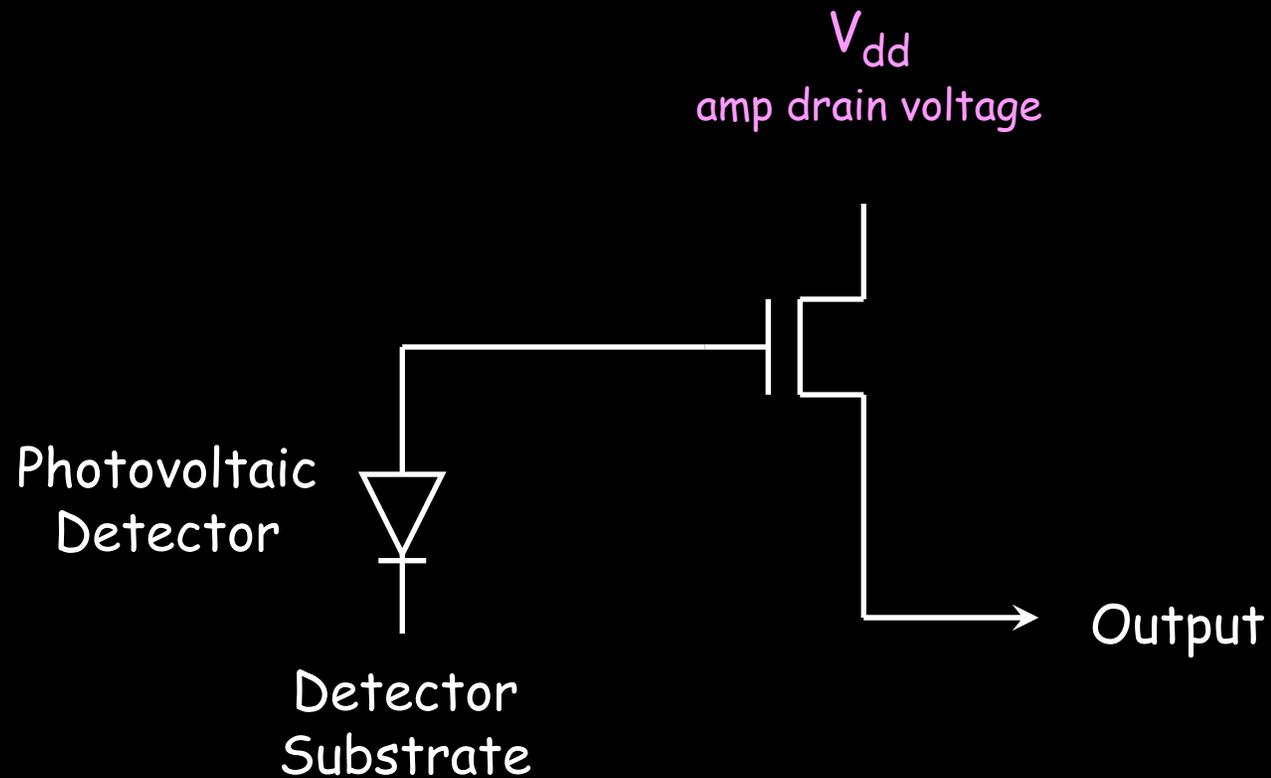
Side view



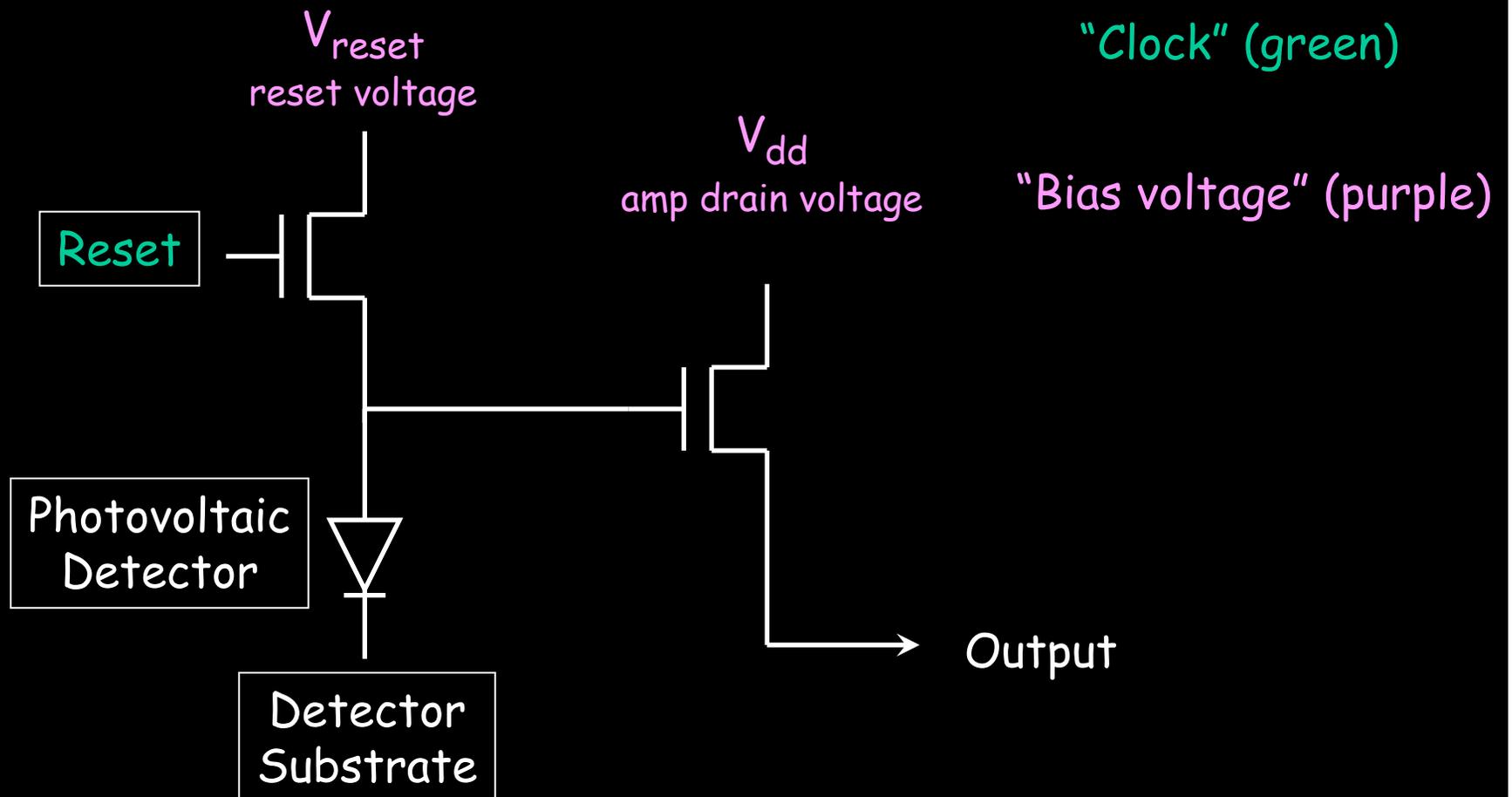
Fluctuations in current flow produce "readout noise"  
Fluctuations in reset level on gate produces "reset noise"



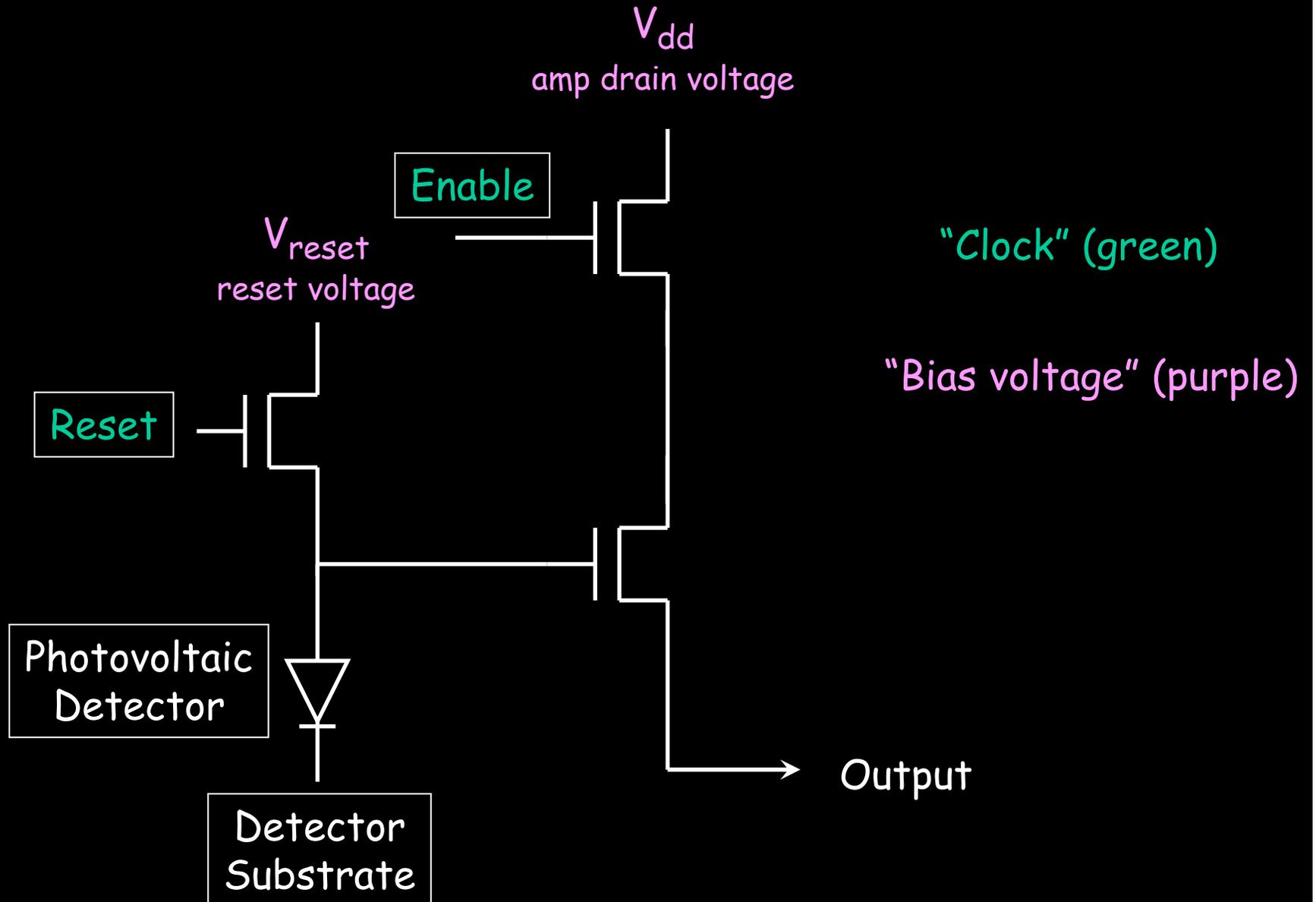
# IR multiplexer pixel architecture



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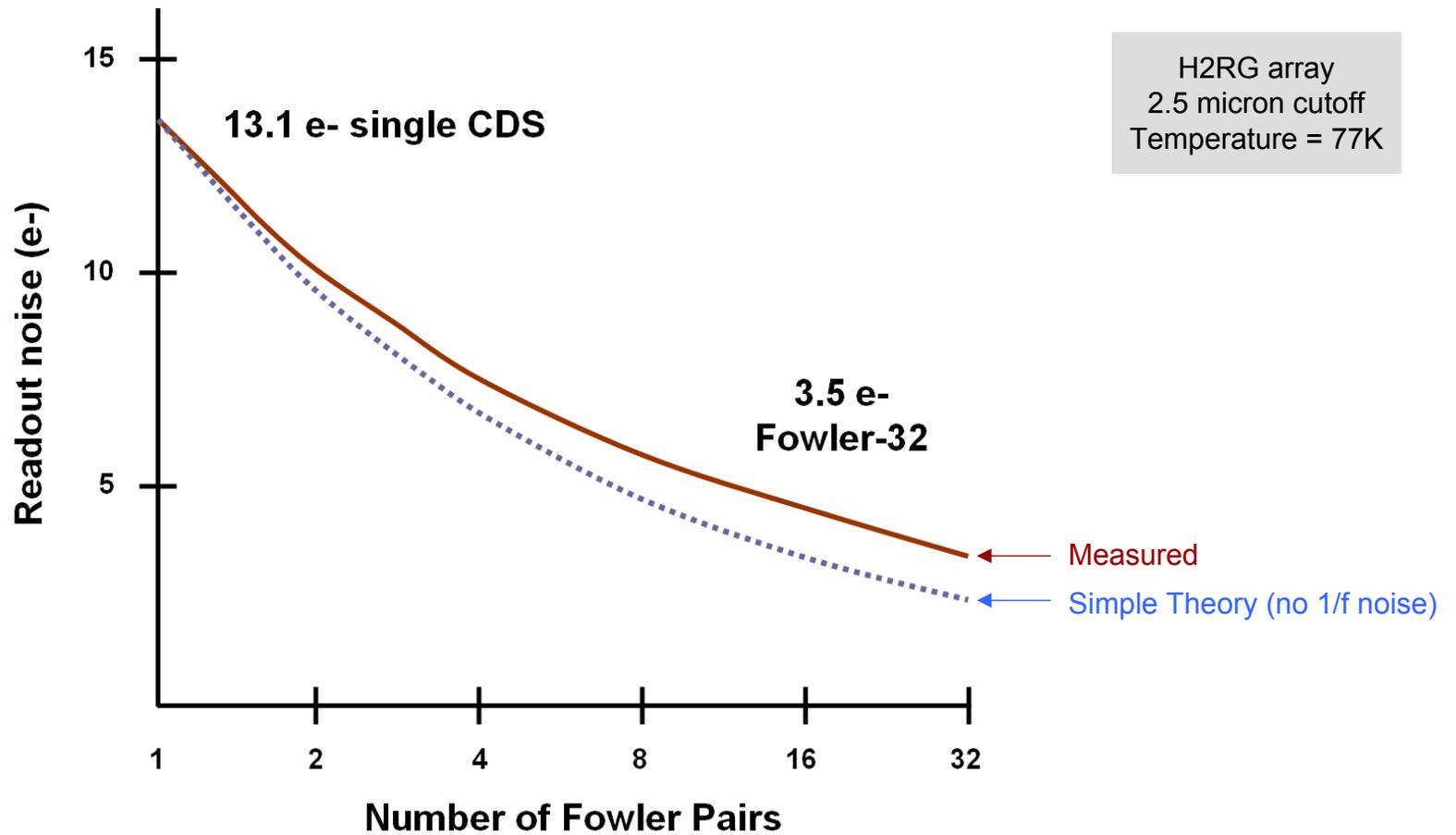


# IR multiplexer pixel architecture

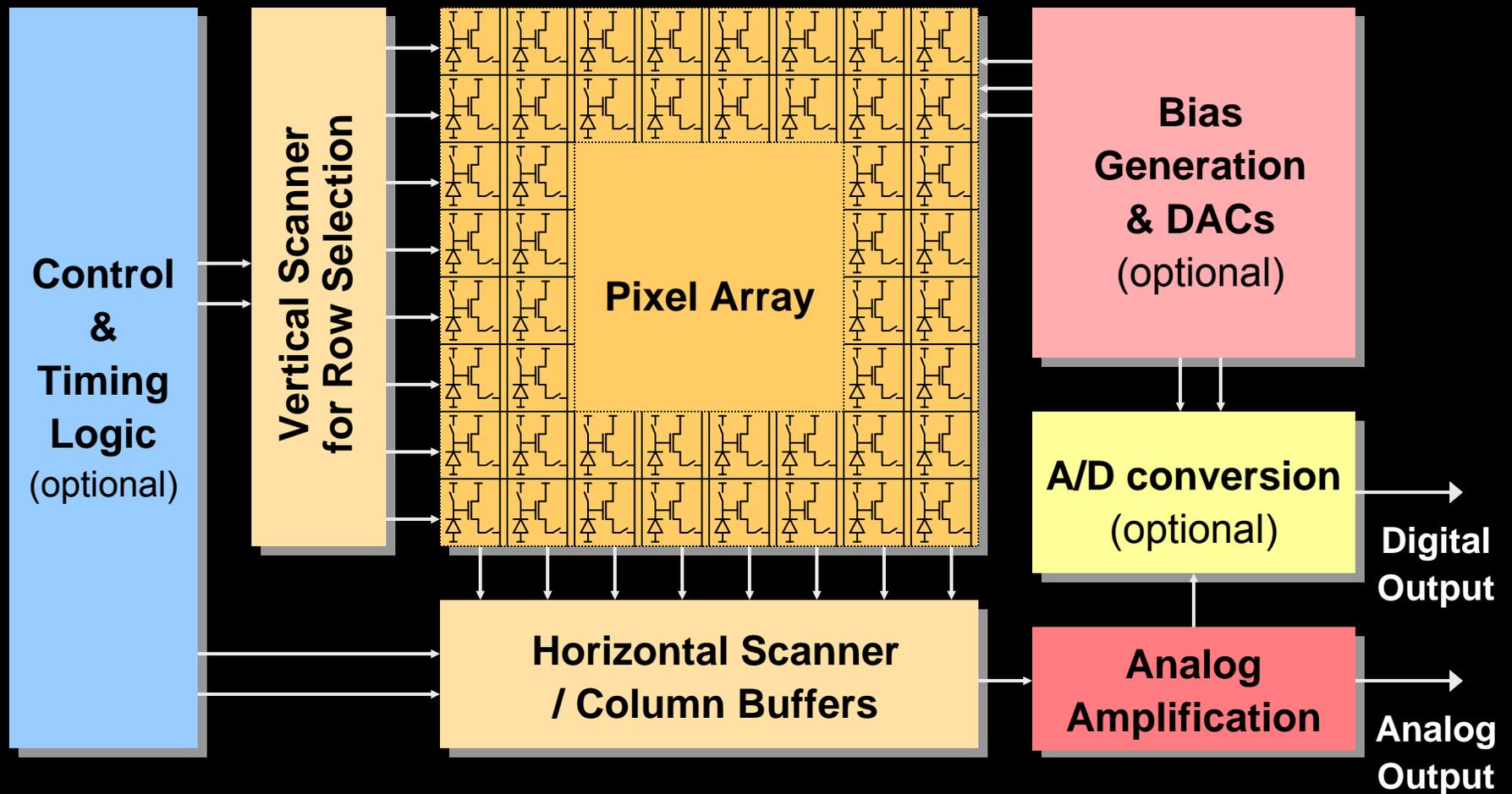


# Reduction of noise from multiple samples

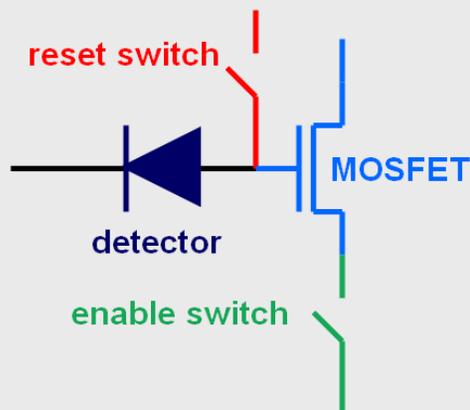
Non-destructive readout enables reduction of noise from multiple samples



# General Architecture of CMOS-Based Image Sensors

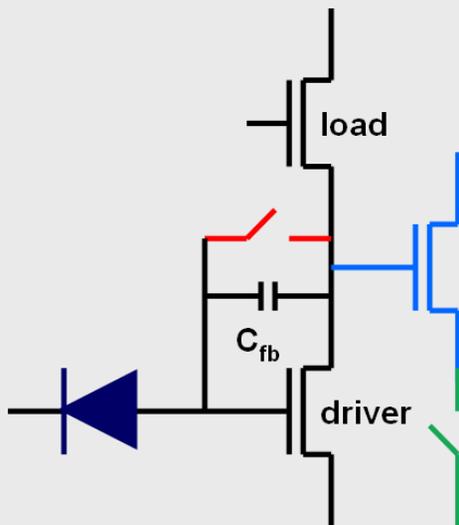


# Pixel Amplifier Options



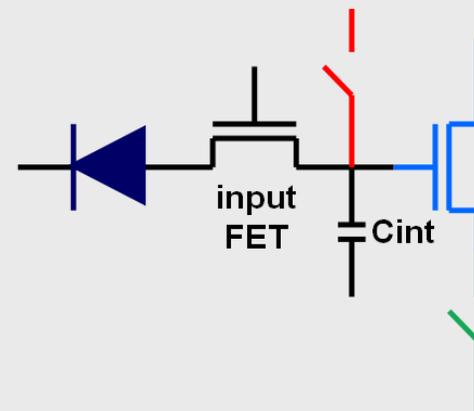
**Source follower  
(SF)**

- Integration on detector node
- Low power & compact  
(3 FETs / pixel)
- Ideal for small pixels & low flux
- Poor performance for high flux
- Full Well: ~100,000 electrons
- Readout Noise: <15 e-



**Capacitive Transimpedance  
Amplifier (CTIA)**

- Versatile circuit suitable for all backgrounds and detectors
- High linearity
- High power, higher noise and larger circuit than SF for low flux
- Worse performance than DI for high flux
- Full Well: ~1 to 10 million e-
- Readout Noise: <50 e-



**Direct Injection  
(DI)**

- Extremely small circuit
- Large integration density in pixel
- High well capacity for high flux applications
- Ultra low power
- Poor injection efficiency for low flux applications
- Full Well: tens of millions of e-
- Readout Noise: <1000 e-

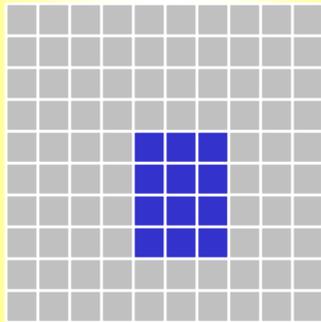


# Special Scanning Techniques Supported by CMOS

- Different scanning methods are available to reduce the number of pixels being read:
  - Allows for higher frame rate or lower pixel rate (reduction in noise)
  - Can reduce power consumption due to reduced data

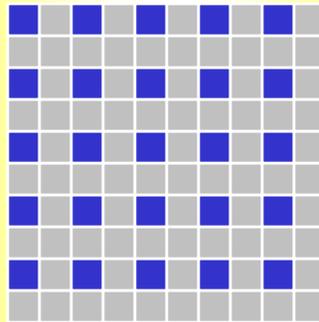
## Windowing

- Reading of one or multiple rectangular subwindows
- Used to achieve higher frame rates (e.g. AO, guiding)



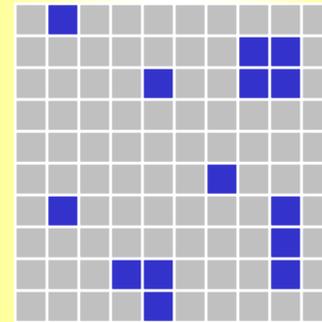
## Subsampling

- Skipping of certain pixels/rows when reading the array
- Used to obtain higher frame rates on full-field images



## Random Read

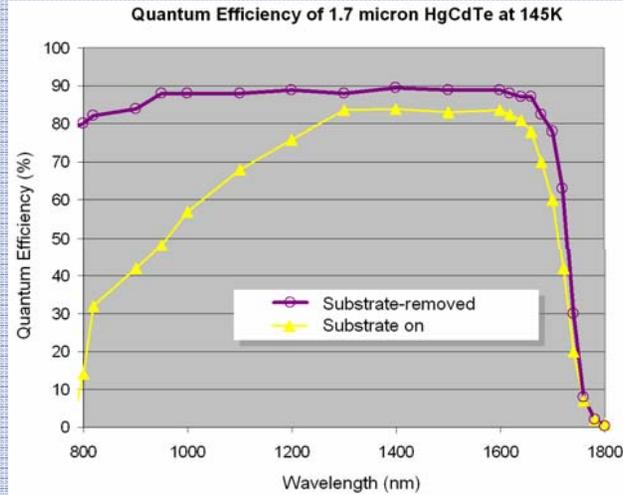
- Random access (read or reset) of certain pixels
- Selective reset of saturated pixels
- Fast reads of selected pixels





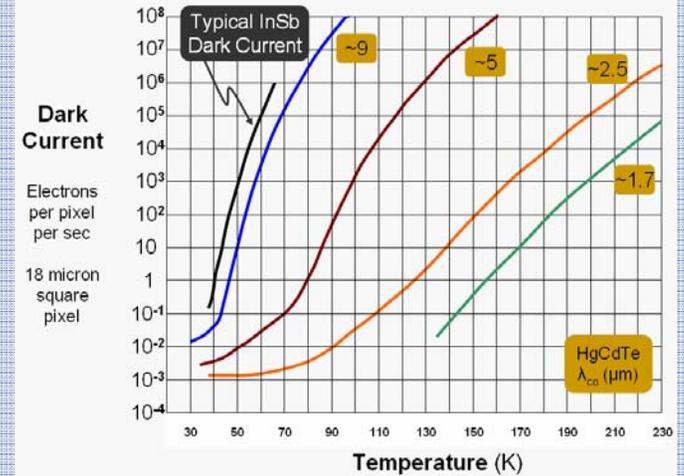
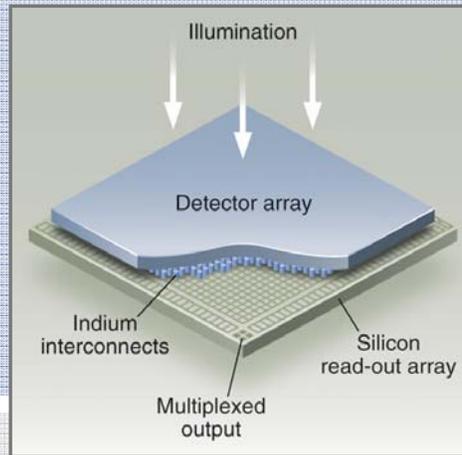
# High Performance Hybrid CMOS Visible-Infrared Arrays

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



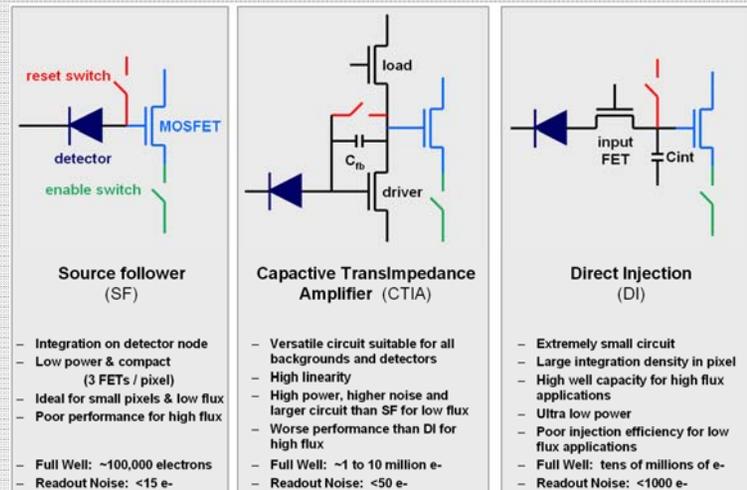
High Quantum Efficiency

## High Quality Detectors



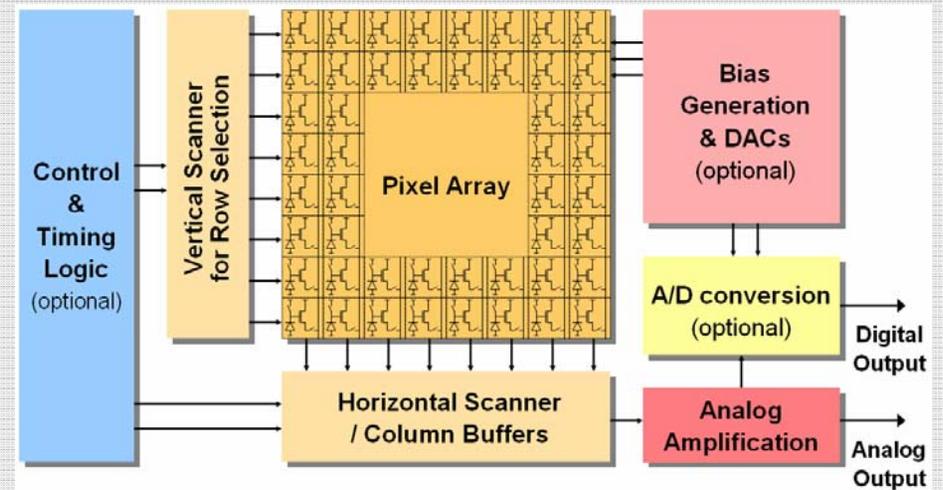
Low Dark Current

## High Performance Amplifiers



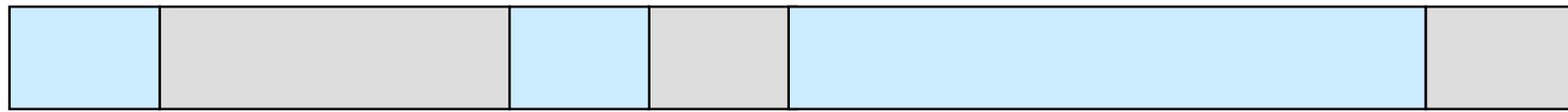
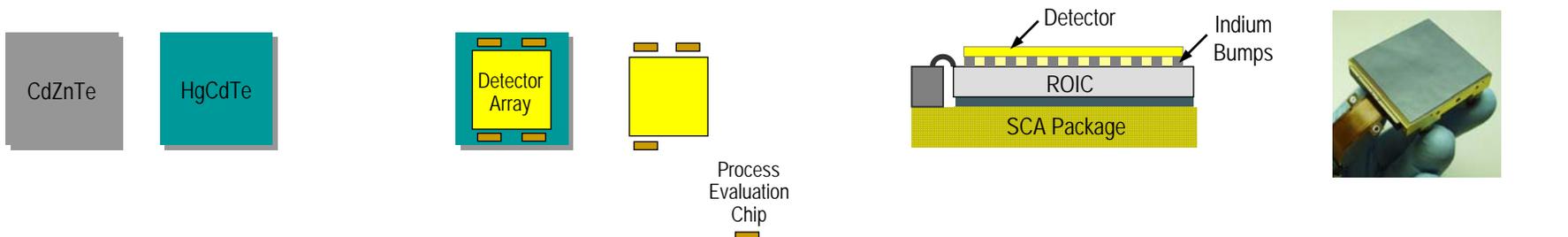
High Performance Readout Circuits

## Imaging System on Chip Architecture



# H2RG Production - Standard SCA Build Cycle

— Detector Fabrication —> SCA Fabrication —> Test

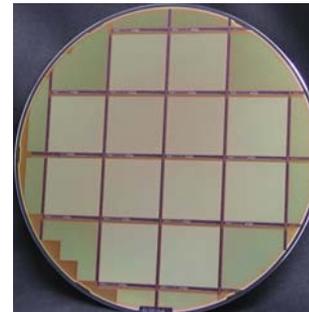


HgCdTe Growth      Array Processing      Dicing      Electrical & Optical Characterization      SCA Hybridization & Packaging      Test



Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) Machine

- Hybridization
- Substrate Removal
- Passivation
- Anti-reflection coating
- Mounting
- Wirebonding



SCA Test Station

# HAWAII-2RG 2048×2048 pixels



4Kx4K mosaic of 4 H2RGs

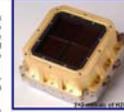
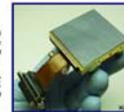
## HAWAII-2RG (H2RG)

- 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

### Teledyne Imaging Sensors HAWAII-2RG™ Visible & Infrared Focal Plane Array

The 2048×2048 pixel HAWAII-2RG™ (H2RG) is the state-of-the-art readout integrated circuit for visible and infrared astronomy in ground-based and space telescope applications.

- Large (2048×2048 pixel) array with 18 µm pixel pitch.
- Compatible with Teledyne Imaging Sensors (TIS) HgCdTe infrared (IR) and silicon PIN HAWAII™ visible detectors, providing sensing of any spectral band from soft X-ray to 5.5 µm.
- Substrate-removed HgCdTe enhances the J-band QE, enables response into the visible spectrum (70% QE down to 400nm) and attenuates fluorescence from cosmic radiation absorbed in the substrate.
- Reference rows and columns for common-mode noise rejection.
- Guide window output – windowing with simultaneous science data acquisition of full array. Programmable window which may be read out at up to 5 MHz pixel rate for guiding. Readout is designed to allow interleaved readout of the guide window and the full frame science data.
- Selectable number of outputs (1, 4, or 32) and user-selectable scan directions provide complete flexibility in data acquisition.
- Built with modularity in mind – the array is 4-side-buttable to allow assembly of large mosaics of 2048×2048 H2RG modules, such as TIS' 4096×4096 mosaic FPA and larger mosaics.
- Fully compatible with the TIS SIDECAR™ ASIC Focal Plane Electronics.

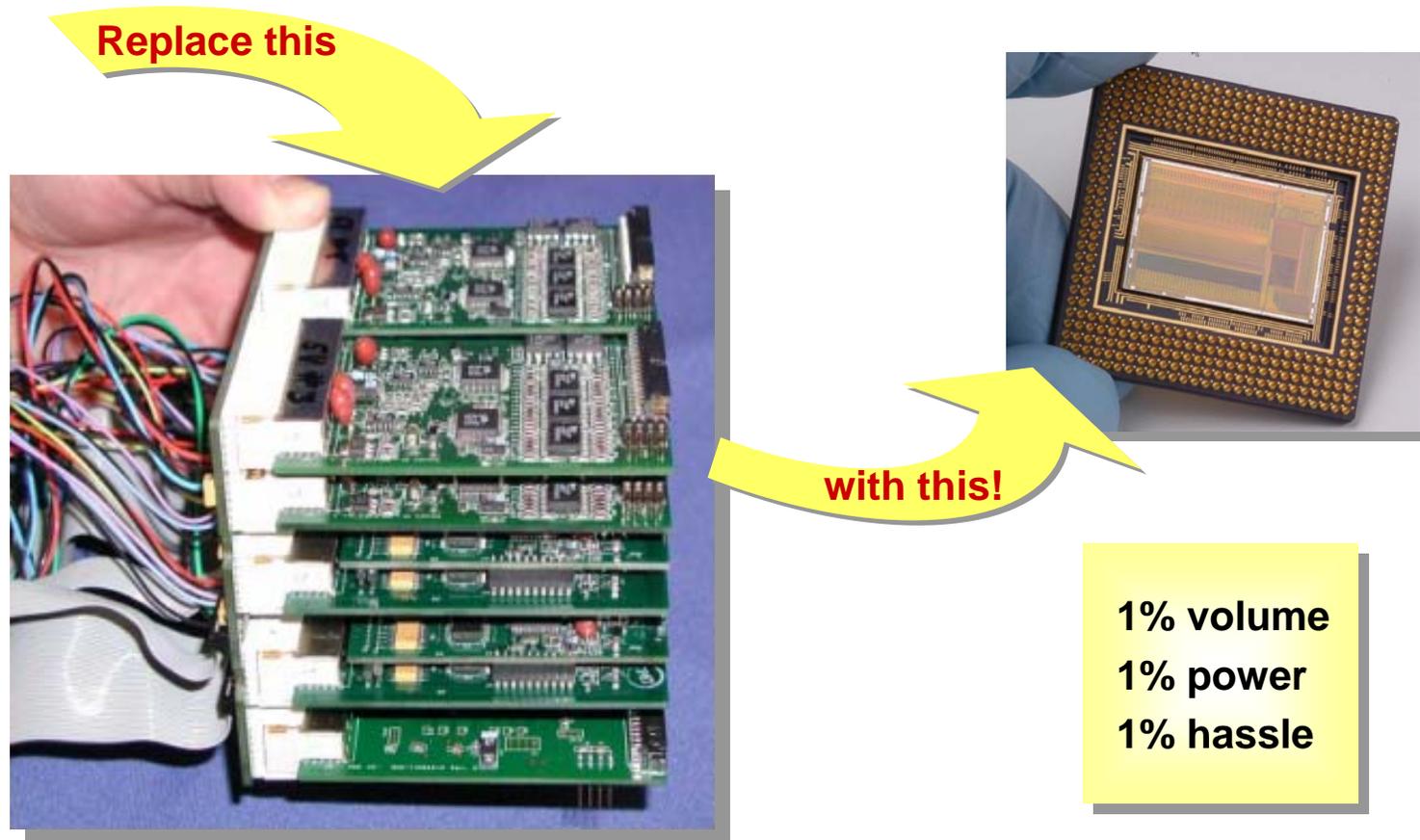


### HAWAII-2RG™ specification table for infrared arrays

Parameter	Unit	1.7µm	2.2µm	5.4µm
Readout integrated circuit (ROIC)		Hawaii-2RG™		
Number of Pixel <sup>(1)</sup>	#	2048 × 2048		
Pixel Size	µm	18		
Outputs		Programmable 1, 4, 32		
Power Dissipation <sup>(2)</sup>	mW	≤ 0.5		
Detector Material		HgCdTe		
Detector Substrate		CdZnTe - Removed		
Cutoff wavelength	µm	1.85 - 1.85	2.45 - 2.45	5.3 - 5.5
1.7µm @ 145 K (50% of peak QE)				
2.2µm @ 77 K (50% of peak QE)				
5.4µm @ 45 K (50% of peak QE)				
Mean Quantum Efficiency (QE) 0.4 - 1.0 µm	%	≥ 70		
Mean Quantum Efficiency (QE)	%	≥ 80		
1.7µm 1.0 - 1.6 µm				
2.2µm 1.0 - 1.4 µm				
5.4µm 1.0 - 5.0 µm				
Median Dark current	e-/s	≤ 0.01	≤ 0.01	≤ 0.05
1.7µm @ 0.25 V bias and 145 K				
2.2µm @ 0.25 V bias and 77 K				
5.4µm @ 0.175 V bias and 45 K				
Median Readout Noise (single CCD) at 100 kHz pixel readout rate	e-	≤ 25 (signal ≤ 20)	≤ 20 (signal ≤ 10)	≤ 18 (signal ≤ 10)
Max Capacity at 0.25 V bias @ 175V bias for 5.4µm cutoff <sup>(3)</sup>	e-	≥ 60,000		
Corrosion <sup>(4)</sup>	%	≤ 2		
Operability <sup>(5)</sup>	%	99	≥ 99	≥ 99
Cluster: 100-1000 contiguous operable pixels within a 2000×2000 pixel area centered on array	#	≥ 0.9N of array		
SCA Flatness (peak to valley) <sup>(6)</sup>	µm	≤ 50		
Imaging Surface Deviation from Planarity (rms)	µm	≤ 25		

(1) There are 2048 × 2048 pixels for light detector plus 4 rows and columns of reference pixel on each side.  
 (2) At 100 kHz pixel readout rate, with 1000 Hz output. Does not include external current source power that is supplied to the user with respect to the system in which the device is used.  
 (3) Corrosion includes both optical and electrical components.  
 (4) A pass is considered suitable if ≤ 2%.  
 (5) SCA Flatness is determined from the top 5% of the detector surface to the bottom of the 5% bottom bias. It does not include the Cu-Pt pad.

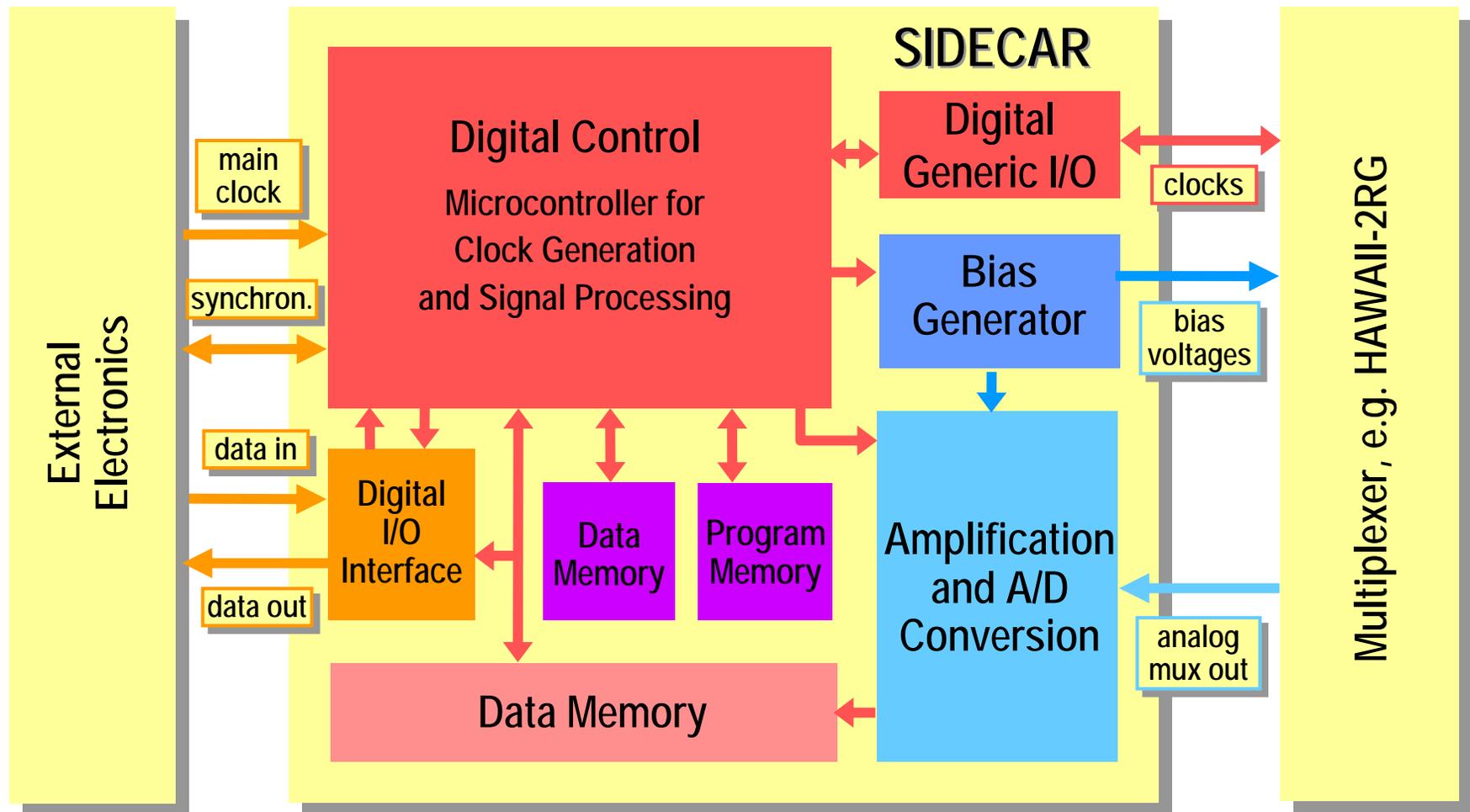
# The SIDECAR ASIC – Focal Plane Electronics on a Chip



SIDECAR: **S**ystem for **I**mage **D**igitization, **E**nhancement, **C**ontrol **A**nd **R**etrieval

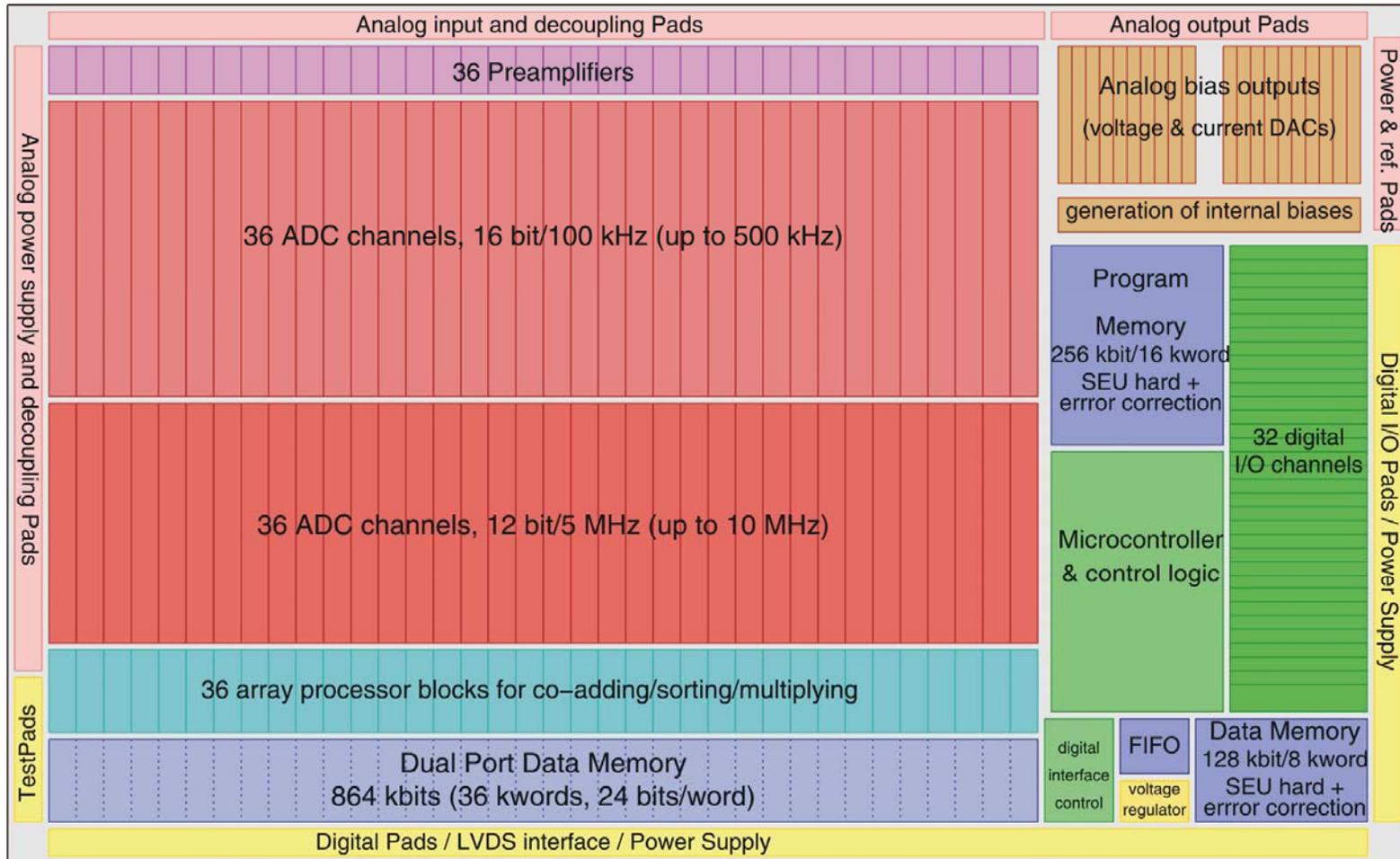
# The SIDECAR ASIC - Complete FPA Electronics on a Chip

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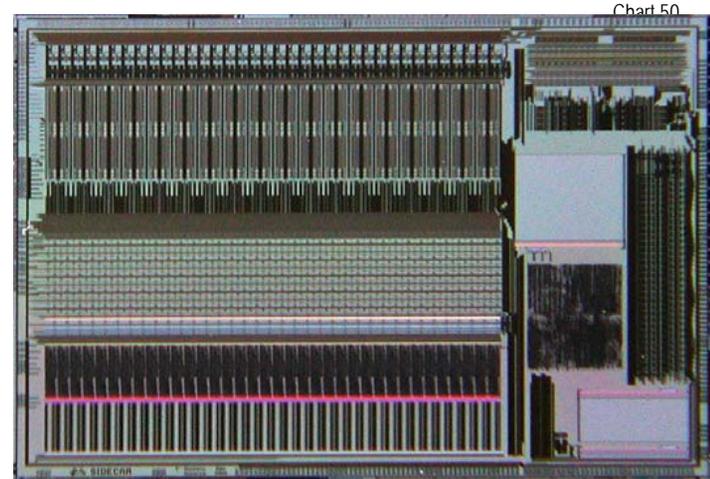
# ASIC Floorplan

Chart 49

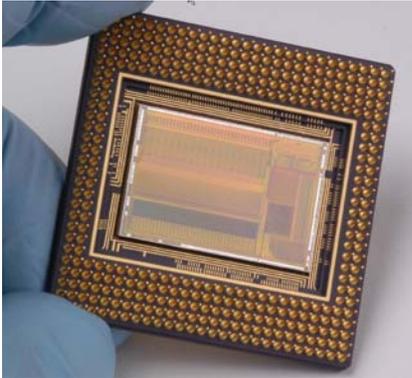


# SIDECAR Feature List

- 36 analog input channels, each channel provides:
  - 500 kHz A/D conversion with 16 bit resolution
  - 10 MHz A/D conversion with 12 bit resolution
  - gain = 0 dB ... 27 dB in steps of 3 dB
  - optional low-pass filter with programmable cutoff
  - optional internal current source (as source follower load)
- 20 analog output channels, each channel provides:
  - programmable output voltage and driver strength
  - programmable current source or current sink
  - internal reference generation (bandgap or vdd)
- 32 digital I/O channels to generate clock patterns, each channel provides:
  - input / output / highohmic
  - selectable output driver strength and polarity
  - pattern generator (16 bit pattern) independent of microcontroller
  - programmable delay (1ns - 250µs)
- 16 bit low-power microprocessor core (single event upset proof)
  - responsible for timing generation and data processing
  - 16 kwords program memory (32 kByte) and 8 kwords data memory (16 kByte)
  - 36 kwords ADC data memory, 24 bit per word (108 kByte)
  - additional array processor for adding, shifting and multiplying on all 36 data channels in parallel (e.g. on-chip CDS, leaky memory or other data processing tasks)



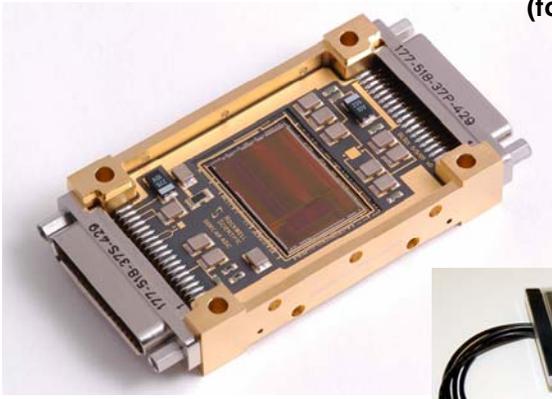
# SIDECAR ASIC – Focal Plane Electronics on a Chip



**SIDECAR ASIC  
Ground-based package**



**Hubble Space Telescope  
SIDECAR ASIC package  
(for ACS Repair)**



**JWST SIDECAR ASIC package**



**SIDECAR ASIC development kit**

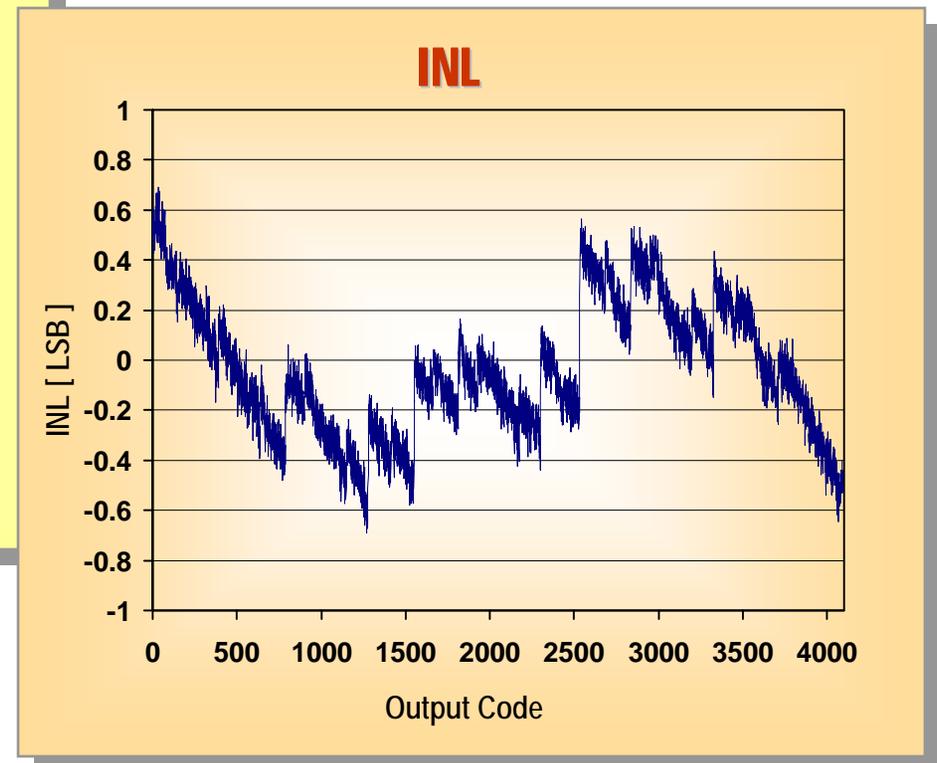
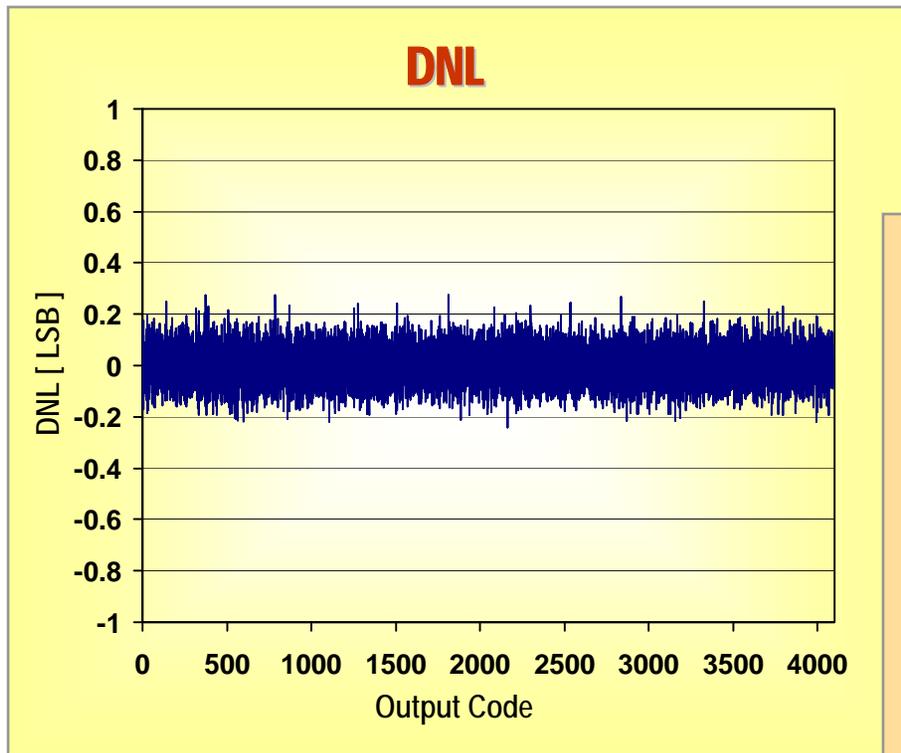
## **SIDECAR ASIC**

- 36 analog input channels
- 36 16-bit ADCs: up to 500 kHz
- 36 12-bit ADCs: up to 10 MHz
- 20 output bias channels
- 32 digital I/O channels
- Microcontroller (low power)
- LVDS or CMOS interface
- Low power:
  - <15 mW, 4 channels, 100 kHz, 16-bit ADC
  - <150 mW, 32 channels, 100 kHz, 16-bit ADC
- Operating temperature: 30K to 300K
- Interfaces directly to H1RG, H2RG, H4RG
- **Qualified to NASA TRL-6**
  - Vibration, radiation, thermal cycling
  - Radiation hard to ~100 krad

# 12-bit ADC Results

## Measured at 7.5 MHz Sample Rate

Chart 52

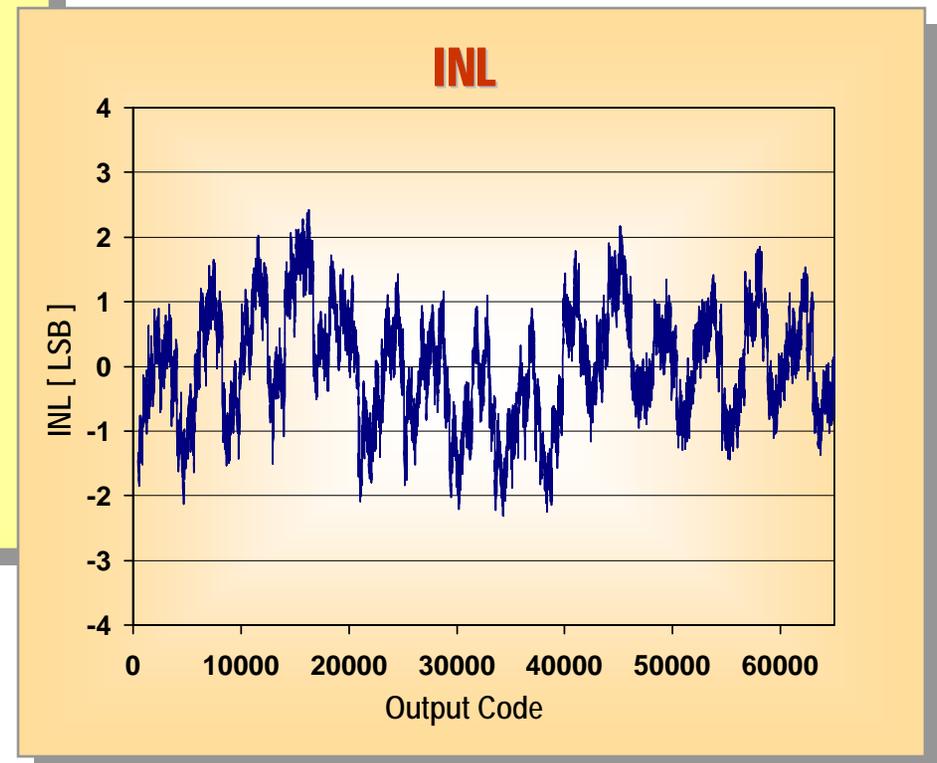
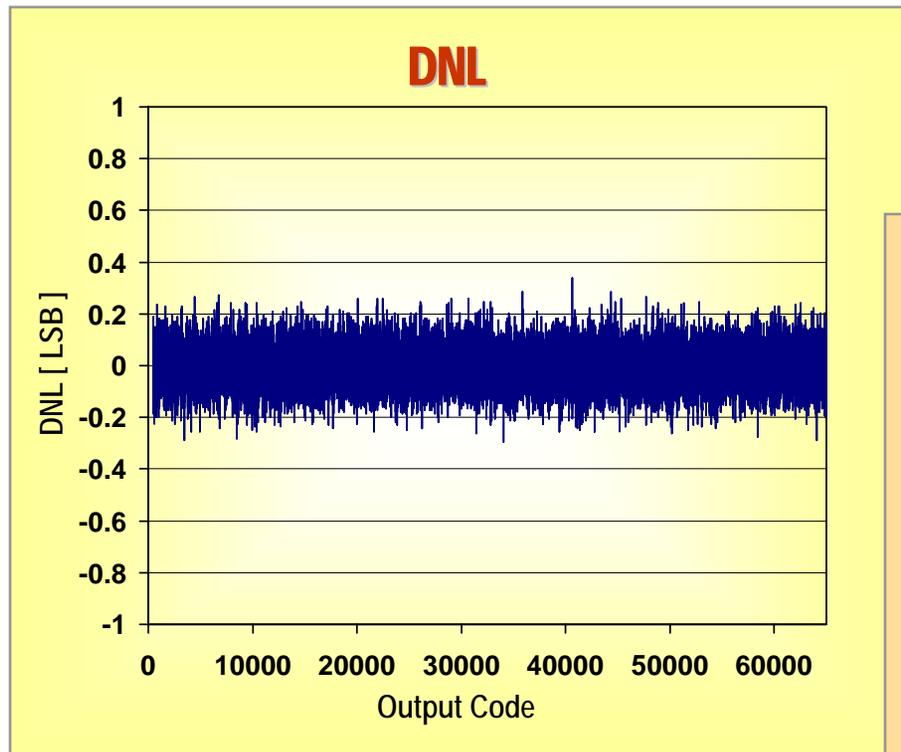


- Differential Non-Linearity:  $< \pm 0.3$  LSB
- Integral Non-Linearity:  $< \pm 0.7$  LSB
- Temporal Noise at 300 K  $< 0.4$  LSB

# 16-bit ADC Results

## Measured at 125 kHz Sample Rate

Chart 53

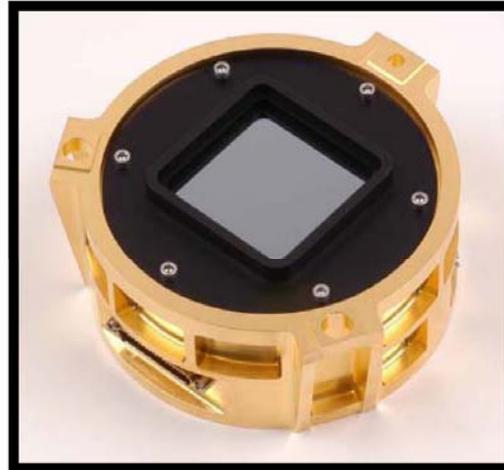


- Differential Non-Linearity:  $< \pm 0.3$  LSB
- Integral Non-Linearity:  $< \pm 0.2$  LSB
- Temporal Noise:  $< 3$  LSB

# Spaceflight packaging: JWST Fine Guidance Sensor

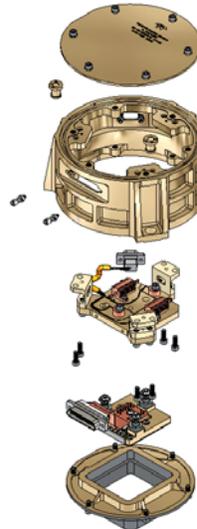


FPA - Backside - Cover Removed



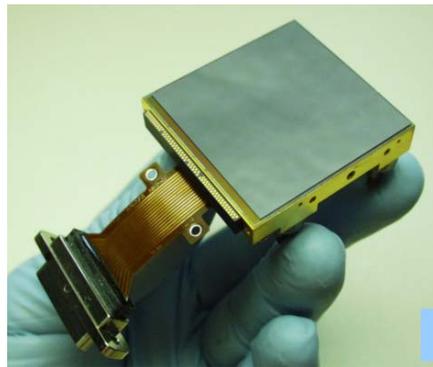
Light Facing Side - Scene

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



- Thermally isolated FPA can be stabilized to 1 mK when cold finger fluctuates several deg K

# SIDECAR ASIC & large mosaic focal plane arrays

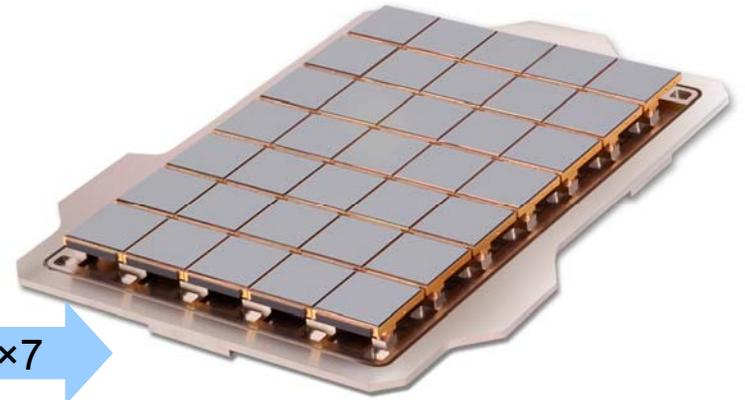


**H2RG 2Kx2K**

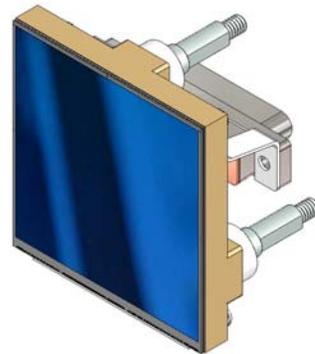
2x2



5x7

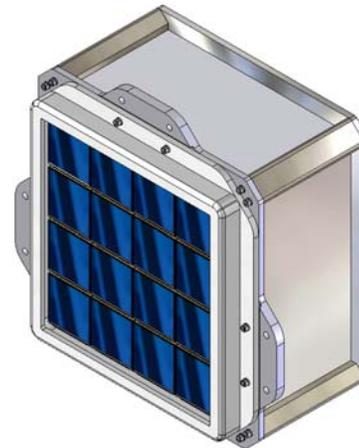


**Mechanical Prototype**



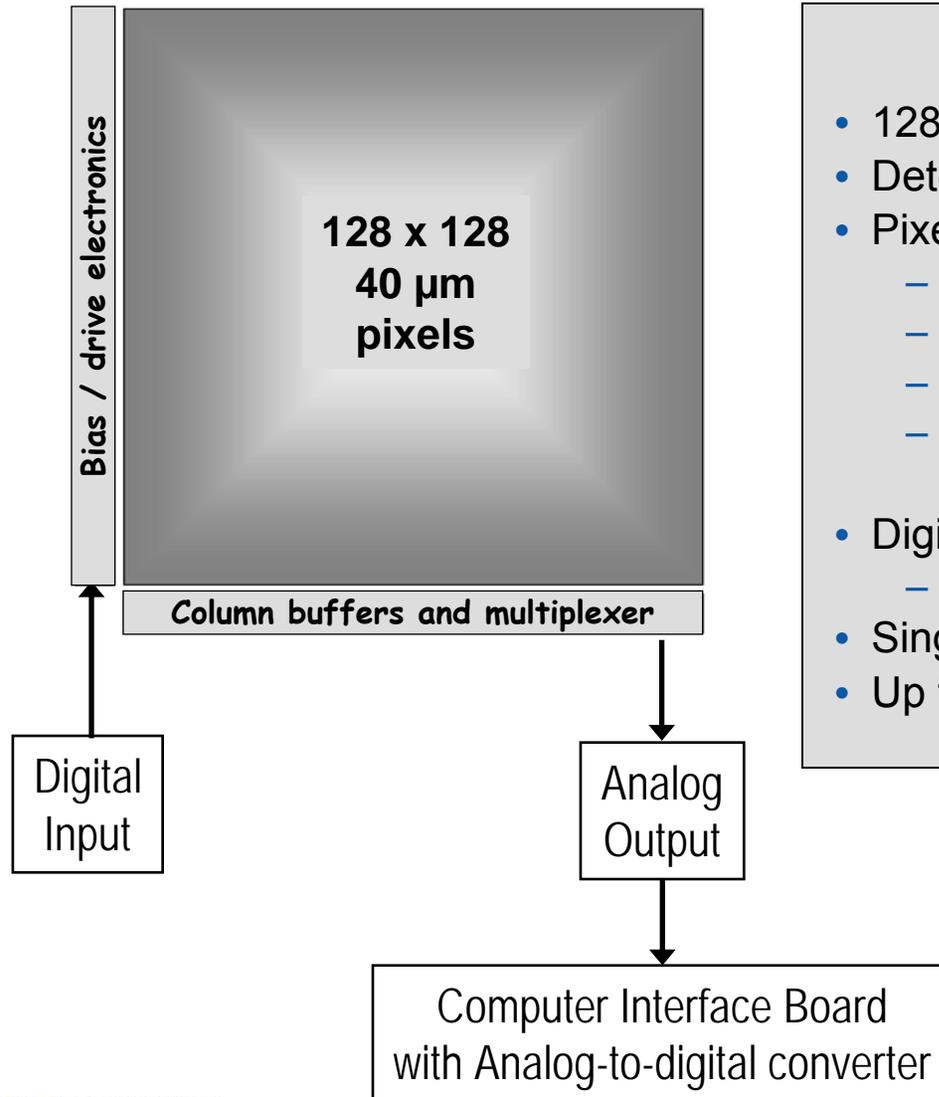
**H2RG**

4x4



**4x4 Mosaic  
for Space Mission**

# High Speed, Low Noise, Event Driven Readout



## Speedster128

- 128×128 pixels, 40 micron pitch
- Detector material: HgCdTe or Si
- Pixel design
  - Next generation CTIA pixel amplifier
  - Global snapshot, integrate while read
  - In-pixel CDS (correlated double sampling)
  - Readout noise: < 5 e- for HgCdTe  
< 4 e- for Si
- Digital input
  - All clocking produced on-chip
- Single analog output
- Up to 900 Hz frame rate

2008/9: Fabricate and demonstrate Speedster128 arrays

2009: Modify design for event driven readout

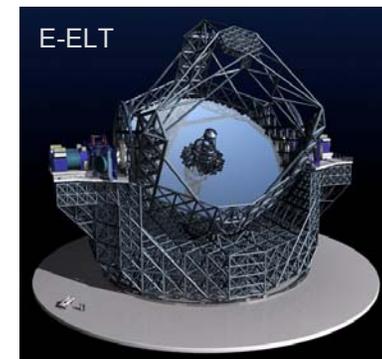
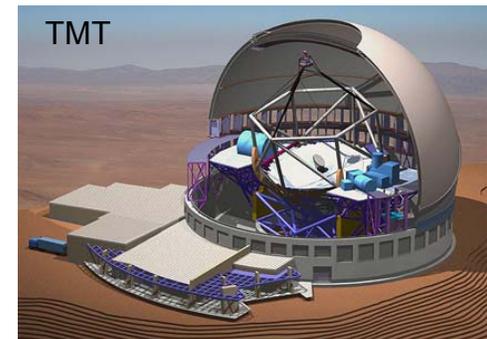
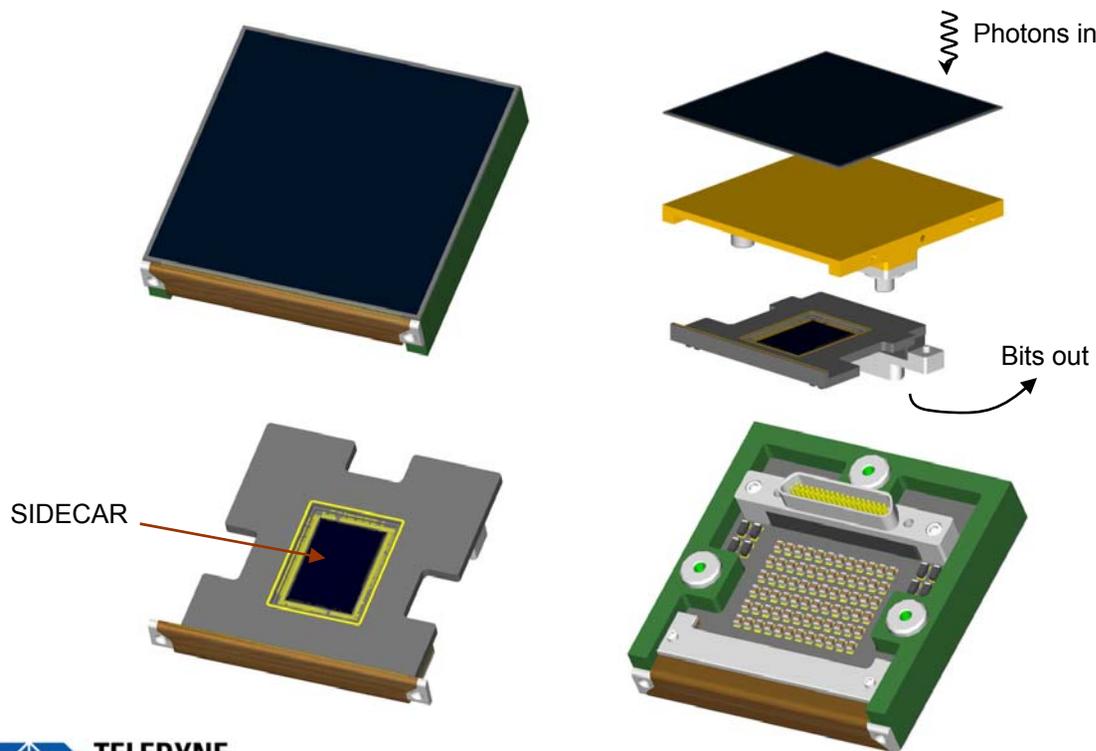
Designed for IR AO and interferometry

High speed, low noise, event driven HyViSI is optimal detector for soft x-ray astronomy

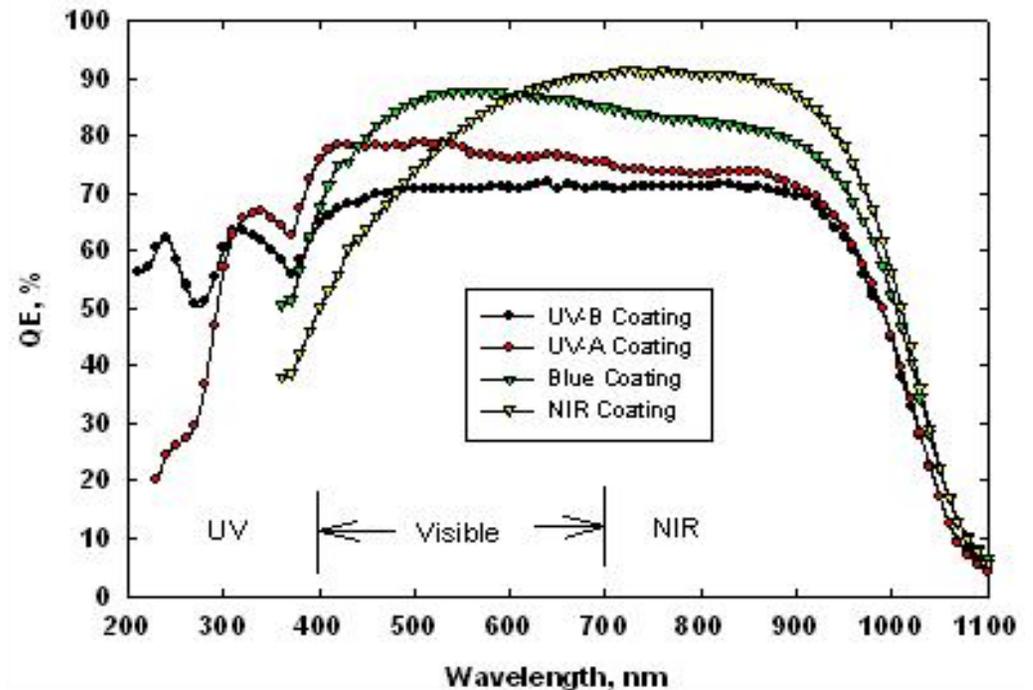
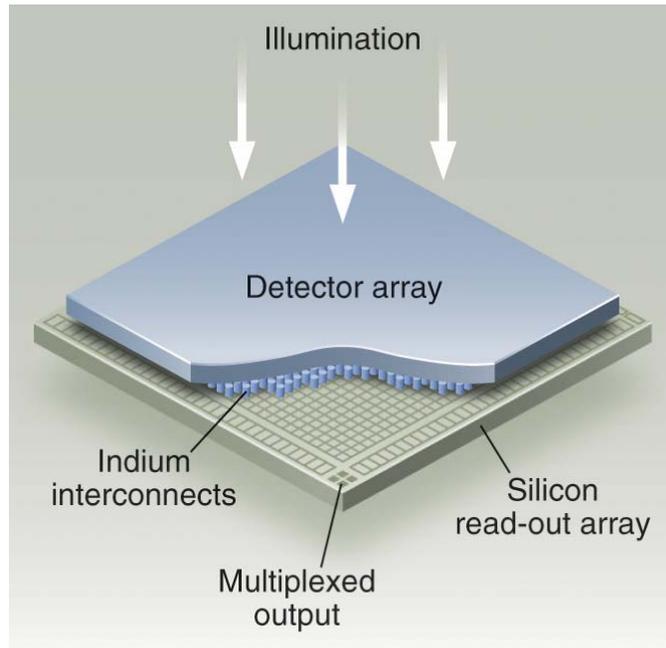
# Large IR Astronomy Focal Plane Development

## The Next Step: 4096×4096 pixels

- 4096×4096 pixels, 15 μm 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



# 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

## Ground-based Astronomy (Rochester Institute of Technology)



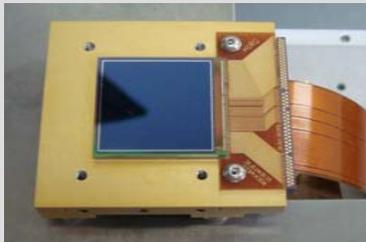
Crab Nebula (M1)



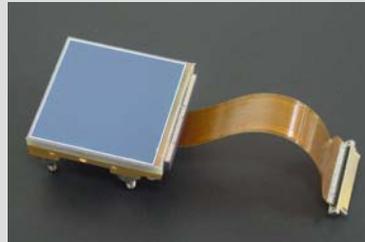
NGC2683 Spiral Galaxy



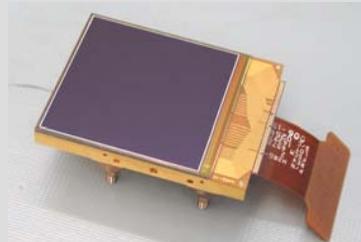
Hercules Cluster (M13)



**1Kx1K H1RG-18**

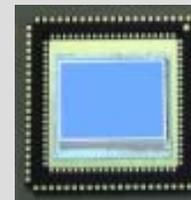


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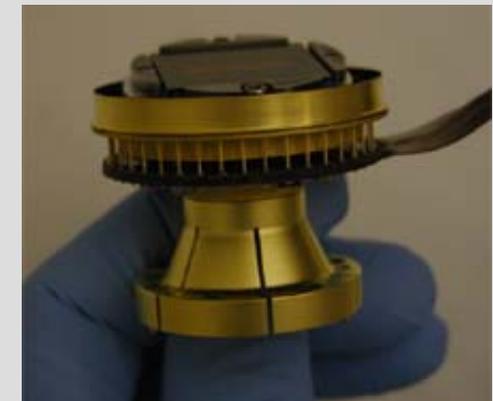


**4Kx4K H4RG-10**

## Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO)



**TCM 6604A**  
640x480 pixels  
27 μm pitch  
CTIA



TEC Package by Judson

## Orbiting Carbon Observatory

1Kx1K  
H1RG-18  
(same used by IR)  
Launch: Feb 2009



# HyViSI™ – Soft X-ray Imager

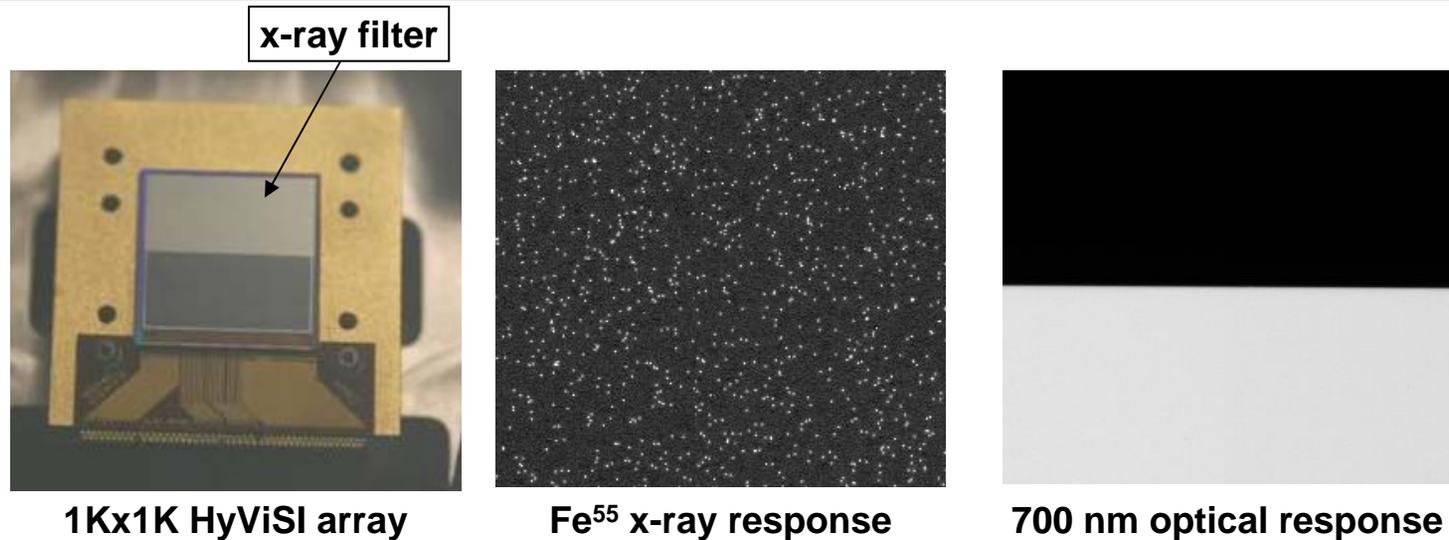
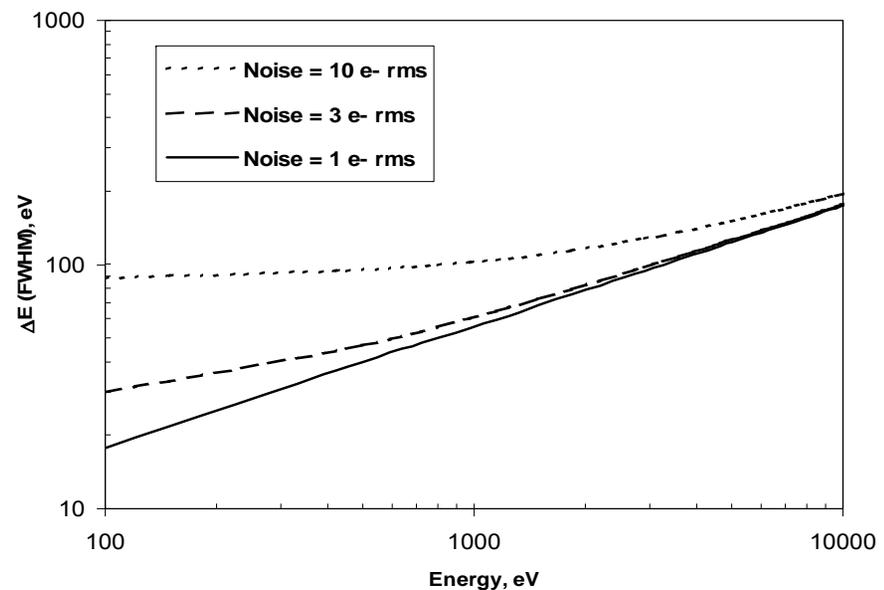


Fig. 15: Energy resolution of silicon detector as a function of x-ray energy and detector read noise.

If readout noise is low enough, the energy of each x-ray can be measured. Assuming the FPA is cooled so that detector dark current is negligible, the non-dispersive energy resolution of the detector can be expressed as:

$$\Delta E(FWHM) = 2.35 \times \omega \sqrt{\frac{f \times E}{\omega} + \sigma^2} \text{ (eV)}$$

where  $f$  is the Fano factor (0.12 for silicon),  $\omega$  is charge conversion factor (3.65 eV/e- for silicon),  $E$  is the energy of the x-ray and  $\sigma$  is the detector read noise (e-). This formula produces the plot at right, showing that <3 e- noise is desired for soft x-ray spectroscopy.



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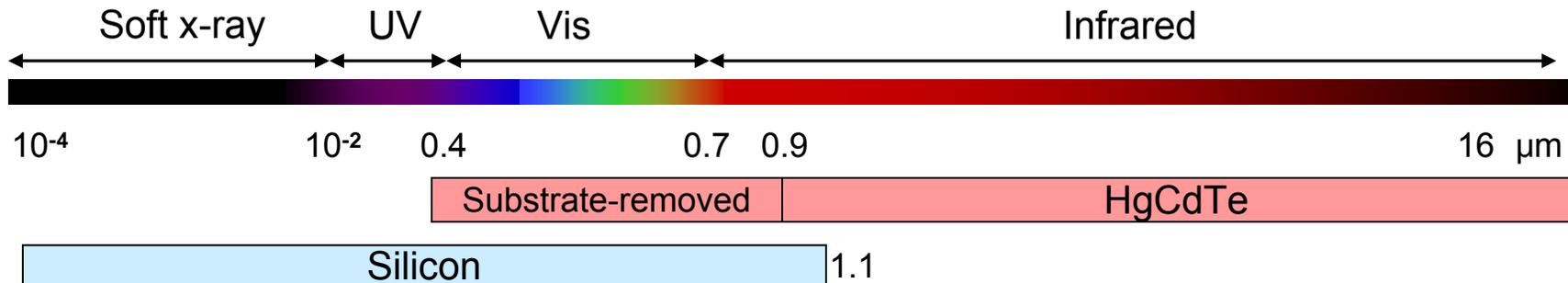
- CMOS Design
- Detector Materials
- Packaging
- Electronics
- Systems Engineering



Packaging



Electronics



## 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