

Applications of SLMs for advanced optical instrumentation in space

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Future needs

MOEMS devices designed/operating at cryo temperature + vacuum

- Space instruments
- Ground-based IR instruments





Instrumental needs

Instrumental needs using micro-opto-electro-mechanical systems (MOEMS)

Wavefront controlDeformable mirrors

Phase

- Object selection
 - Programmable slits

Intensity

Spectral domain application - Programmable gratings

Wavelength



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Texas Instruments DMD

- Most popular MOEMS devices available
- Micro-mirrors
 - 2048x1080 individually tiltable
 - 13.68µm pixel pitch,
 - Tilt angle of 12°
- Numerous applications
 - Prime use displaying images
 - No customization possible
- Space qualification tests (ESA contract) COMPACTING COMPACTING
 - □ -40°C in 10⁻⁵ mbar vacuum
 - VISITECH Micro-mirrors in position for > 1500s
 - DMD fully operational
 - 1038 hours life test, radiations, vibrations
 - No show-stopper for space application







Zamkotsian et al., SPIE 6884, 2008







♦ PTT 111 DM

- □ 111 actuators, 37 piston-tip-tilt segments
- Segment pitch 606µm (segment size 700µm)
- Stroke 5 to 7 μ m; Tilt angle ±4 or ±5.6 mrad
- Optical coating: protected silver, gold, protected alu, dielectric



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PTT111 integration





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Improved Best Flat 293K





Best flat
10nm RMS
79nm PtV

Zamkotsian et al., Micromachines, 8, 233; 2017

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Best flat
86nm RMS
501nm PtV

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PTT111 down to **160K**





Tilt

Piston

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Best flat
12nm RMS
113nm PtV

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MOEMS developments for cryo



NASA-GSFC Micro-shutters (USA) Selected for JWST NIRSpec



LAM-IMT Micro-mirrors (Europe)











LAM – EPFL micromirror array development: MIRA project

Requirements

- Mirror size of 100 x 200 µm²
- Individual addressing of the micromirrors
- High contrast of at least 1000:1
- 20° mechanical tilt angle
- Uniform tilt angle over the whole array
- □ Fill factor of more than 90% (if possible >95% in one direction
- Wavelength range from visible to infrared
- **Optically flat mirrors in operation** $< \lambda/20$ with $\lambda = 1 \mu m$
- Cryogenic operating temperature (<100K, 30K goal)





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MIRA: the realization



Three SOI wafer process

Two wafer-level bonding steps



Waldis et al., SPIE 6887, 2008

Canonica et al., JMM, 2013









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2048 mirrors (64 x 32)

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MIRA: cryogenic test



- Specific cryo chamber developped, compatible with our interferometric bench
- Vacuum 10⁻⁶ mbar
- Cryogenic temperatures





MIRA: cryogenic test









Surface quality measurement in the ON position



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Object tailoring



- Device with lines tilting only
- \square 200µm object projected on the 100 x 200 µm²



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Object tailoring



PSF slicing







Object tailoring



PSF slicing







- Contrast measurement integrated over the micromirror surface
- Contrast value: 1000:1













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MOEMS characterization platform

- Operational bench (completed 2002)
 - MOEMS components operational performances measurement (tilting micromirrors, programmable diffraction gratings, ...)
 - Modular bench: multi-sources, multi-detectors and adjustable pupil
- Interferometric bench (completed 2004)
 - Surface quality, deformation static and dynamical measurement
 - Small and large FOV with sub-nanometer resolution (z-direction)
- Cryogenic bench (completed 2013)
 - Performances measurement under vacuum and at cryo. temp. (30K ambient)



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OST, LAM, 30 May 2017



MOEMS characterization platform

Tests on multiple devices: TI, EPFL, NASA, LAAS, MEMSCAP, OKO, ALPAO, BMC, CSEM ... in cryo: MIRA project (with EPFL), TI-DMD for EUCLID, PTT111 from Iris-AO



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Instrument developments

Instrument developments using MOEMS: the BATMAN family

Multi-Object Spectrograph

- BATMAN

Universe Observation

- ROBIN - BATMAN flies



Programmable wide field spectrograph

- Flight model design

Earth Observation - Full scale breadboard

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EUCLID-NIS: the DMD option



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Multi-Object Spectroscopy (MOS)





Multi-Object Spectroscopy (MOS)



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MOEMS-based Spectro-Imager

Universe Observation: Multi-Object Spectrograph + Imager



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BATMAN

Spectro-Imager on Galileo telescope (3,6m)



Zamkotsian et al., SPIE 9908, 2016

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ROBIN













z00 pattern2 z09 pattern2 z20 pattern1 1520 Ses Camera 1540 1540 0801 Lixels Camera 1100 Lixels Camera 1120 Lixels Camera 2720 Dixels Camera 2740 Dixels Camera 2760 Dixels Camera Pixels Camera Pixels Camera Pixels Camera z40 pattern1 z25 pattern1 z49 pattern2 1180 0 1180 0 1200 1200 23 1400 D 1420 D 1420 L 1440 1580 Dix els D Pixels Camera Pixels Camera Pixels Camera

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Demonstrator: in the DMD plane



Images at DMD surface, spatial / spectral behaviour

- OLED: white slit at 45°
- DMD: order 1, order 0, order -1



OLED



spectral

spatial direction



DMD

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End-to-end measurement

- Input: OLED scanning slit, width 1 pixel
- DMD: 0-order removed
- Output: recombined slit









End-to-end measurement

- Input: OLED scanning slit, width 1 pixel
- DMD: 0-order removed
- Output: recombined slit



2000

1500

200





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End-to-end measurement

- Input: OLED scanning slit, width 1 pixel
- DMD: 0-order + object removed
- Output: recombined slit









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End-to-end measurement

- Input: OLED scanning slit, width 1 pixel
- DMD: 0-order + object + blue removed
- Output: recombined slit















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- Large micro-mirror array with large tilt angle, excellent surface quality, high contrast and operation at cryo temperature are requested for spectro-imagery applications in space
- MIRA project is under way for the realization of large arrays dedicated to spectroscopy (next step: integration with hardened electronics) CSEM
- Spectro-imager for Universe Observation
- Programmable spectrograph for Earth Observation









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