Development of Polarization Modulator for Litebird

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What is polarization modulator?



1. 1/f noise rejection

- ✓ Atmospheric noise, ground pickup
- ✓ Detector / electrical noise
- ✓ Long term instabilities
- 2. Systematics mitigation
 - ✓ Differential beam pointing, ellipticity
 - ✓ Differential gain

LiteBIRD full success is guaranteed with polarization modulator.



History of polarization modulator

MAXIPOL (balloon, 1999)

- First CMB experiment using rotating HWP
- EBEX (balloon, 2012)
 - First experiment using cold rotating HWP with superconducting magnetic bearing
- ABS (ground, 2012)
 - First ground experiment with warm rotating HWP

Simons Array, Simons Observatory SAT (ground)

• First ground experiment with cold rotating HWP

LSPE/SWIPE (balloon)

- Balloon experiment with cold rotating HWP
- LiteBIRD (satellite)
 - Satellite mission with cold rotating HWP



J. Klein et. al. Proc. SPIE 8150 (2011)



A. Kusaka et. al.(2013)



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LiteBIRD polarization modulator



Middle & High Frequency Telescope 89-224 GHz & 166-488 GHz University of Rome Sapienza Cardiff University

Technical difficulties for LiteBIRD

Higher science goal

- Broadband observation
- Lower HWP temperature
- Reducing HWP imperfections

Space specific environment

- Launch tolerance
- Cosmic ray
- No gravity

Resource limitation

- Cooling power
- Mass
- Volume ...

System reliability

- Risk management
- Redundancy
- Emergency operation

For example...)

1~3 frequency bands in 1 telescope (ground) vs. 15 bands (LiteBIRD)

HWP temperature: 50K~300K (ground) vs. 20K (LiteBIRD)

Cooling power: ~1W (ground) vs. ~4 mW (LiteBIRD)

Current design of LiteBIRD LFT PMU



in Kavli IPMU laboratory!!

Broadband anti-reflection structure

- Anti-reflection coating method: plastic sheet, epoxy layer, thermal spray...
- Broadband AR (34-161GHz): motheye based sub-wavelength structure by laser machining
- Demonstrated by Φ=70mm small sample with height 2.34mm, pitch 0.54mm (~4:1)
- > 90% transmittance with good agreement between data and simulation
- The expected processing time for Φ=450mm is < 1 month using 40W femto-second pulsed laser





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Sapphire AHWP development

- ✓ Single sapphire plate has pol. eff. $\varepsilon = 1$ for the only single frequency.
- ✓ We adopt Achromatic HWP (AHWP) consists of multistacked sapphire with the different optic axis for each HWP.
- ✓ We optimize the AHWP design with 5 layer to cover 34-161GHz. (ground experiments use only 1~3 layers without a phase flat design)





Kunimoto Komatsu (Okayama U.)





K. Komatsu et al. (2019)

Rotation mechanism

- All components at 5 K stage
- Heat dissipation < 4 mW due to cooling power
- Rotor (HWP) must be operated < 20 K to reduce thermal emission

Stable continuous rotation at cryogenic temperature with small heat dissipation

Breadboard model (Φ=380mm)

- Superconducting magnetic bearing Rotor: SmCo magnets + yoke for uniformity Stator: YBCO (Tc < 95 K)
- DC brushless motor with speed feedback control measured by optical encoder
- 3 grippers actuated by linear actuators (stepping motors)





Rotation mechanism



Thermal characteristics

- Perform thermal simulation to clarify heat input vs. HWP temperature.
- Heat sources are hysteresis loss, eddy current due to magnet inhomogeneity ΔB



Eddy current
$$P_e \propto k_e f^2 \Delta B^2$$

- Total loss at nominal rotation speed (46 rpm) is ~10 mW, dominated by eddy current loss
- There is much room for improvement.
 - de-metallization and reduce weight
 - Uniform magnetic field for bearing
 - Improvement of drive motor







Angular encoding

- Angle reconstruction is critically important for analysis, demodulating the signal.
- HWP angle reconstructed by a cryogenic optical encoder consists of LED and Si photodiode
- Bias components that appears constantly are calibrated (motor cogging, slot non-uniformity)
- The angle reconstruction error after the calibration is calculated as < 0.2 arcmin, which is sufficiently small for the angle requirement.





Si photo-

diode

Shinya Sugiyama (Saitama U.)

Encoder (LED and Si photodiode)

Si photo-

diode

Development roadmap



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Achievements in Cosmic Acceleration

Total 6 Reviewed Papers

- 1.Design and thermal characteristics of a 400mm diameter levitating rotor in a superconducting magnetic bearing operating below at 10K for a CMB polarization experiment, IEEE Transaction on Applied Superconductivity, Vol. 28, Issue: 4, pp. 1-4, 2018
- 2.Design and development of a polarization modulator unit based on a continuous rotating half-wave plate for LiteBIRD, Proc. SPIE 10708, Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy IX, 107080E, 2018
- 3. Vibrational characteristics of a superconducting magnetic bearing employed for a prototype polarization modulator, J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 871, 012091, 2017
- 4. Thermal analysis of a prototype cryogenic polarization modulator for use in a space-borne CMB polarization experiment, IOP Conference Series: Materials Science and Engineering, Vol. 278, No. 1, p.012011, 2017
- 5.Estimation of the heat dissipation and the rotor temperature of superconducting magnetic bearing below 10K, IEEE Trans- actions on Applied Superconductivity, Volume: 27, Issue: 4, 2017
- 6.Demonstration of the broadband half-wave plate using the nine-layer sapphire for the CMB polarization experiment, Journal of Astronomical Telescope, Instruments, and Systems 5(4), 044008 (2019) pp.1-14,

Total 8 Oral Presentations & multiple posters (international conference)

ISS2016, 2017, 2018, B-mode from space 2017, 2018, 2019, SPIE2018, PASREG2017 RMMW-THz 2019, ISSTT2018, EUCAS2017, ASC2016 ...

Summary

- Polarization modulator helps to reject 1/f noise and systematics.
- Continuously rotating HWP is employed to LiteBIRD with the main driver as 1/f noise.
- ✓ We presented the development status of LiteBIRD LFT PMU.
- Optical performance of AR and AHWP is successfully demonstrated using small samples.
- ✓ Cryogenic performance test of BBM rotation mechanism is in progress toward flight model.

Modulation techniques

There are various polarization modulation techniques:

- 1. Phase switch: WMAP, CAPMAP, QUIET...
 - Modulation by switching the path length half-phase shifted
- 2. Faraday rotation modulator (FRM): BICEP1
 - Modulation using ferrite and coil by Faraday effect
- 3. Half-wave plate (HWP): MAXIPOL, EBEX, SA, SO, ACTPol, NIKA, LSPE/SWIPE, LiteBIRD...
 - Modulation by rotating HWP



Install at front or rear of focal plane Each pixel



Install at aperture or within optical system Entire focal plane

4. Variable-delay polarization modulator: PIPER, CLASS



QUIET Collaboration et al. (2011)



S. Moyerman et. al. (2013)



A. Kusaka et. al. (2014)

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Do we need polarization modulator for LiteBIRD?

Pros	Cons
1/f noise rejection Systematics mitigation	HWP systematics Sensitivity effect System risk

- LiteBIRD $f_{scan} = 0.05 0.1$ rpm
- Do we have any guarantee for 1/f noise?
- 1/f is the main driver → continuously rotating HWP
- ABS, POLARBEAR successfully demonstrated fknee ~2mHz.
- Concerns depend on hardware and calibration.

HWP systematics

Hardware development directly connects to systematics due to HWP imperfection

- HWP non-uniformity \rightarrow AR and AHWP development
- Multiple reflections → AR development
- HWP phase freq. dependence \rightarrow AHWP design optimization
- Beam effect through HWP → AR and AHWP development
- HWP temperature stability \rightarrow rot. mech. thermal characteristics
- HWP wobbling \rightarrow rot. mech. misalignment
- Angle reconstruction accuracy \rightarrow encoder
- ...

HWP hardware development is key to achieve LiteBIRD full success

Representative requirements

Items	Requirement (LFT)
Frequency band	34 GHz - 161 GHz
Transmittance	> 98% (depend on freq.)
Polarization efficiency	> 98% (depend on freq.)
Rotation frequency	0.8 Hz (48 RPM)
HWP diameter	> ~ 480 mm
HWP temperature	< 20 K
Total heat dissipation	< 4 mW
Mass	< 30 kg
Encoder specification	< 0.2 arcmin

- ✓ The requirement values are not yet fixed because the detail system design and the trade-off study are in progress.
- ✓ Main development items are broadband achromatic HWP and a cryogenic rotation mechanism.

HWP materials

Sapphire

- Birefringence single crystal material
- Maximum diameter \leq 500mm
- Need anti-reflection (AR) due to refractive index ~3.3
- Broadband of pol. eff. and phase difference are proportional to number of layer ≈ mass
- MAXIPOL, EBEX, SPIDER, ABS, SA, SO, LiteBIRD LFT

Metal-mesh HWP

- Based on metal-mesh filter technology
- Stack capacitive and inductive structure
- Bandwidth 3:1
- NIKA, ASTE, LSPE/SWIPE, LiteBIRD MHFT
- Reflective metal-mesh HWP is considered as backup solution.







G. Pisano et al. in press in PIER M (2012)

Other activities toward flight model

- Cosmic ray effect: radiation damage, heat input, charging
- AHWP gluing and holder design for launch tolerance.
- System optimization including baffle and stop
- Fault tree analysis (FTA) to identify critical risks and components required redundancy.
- Development of low loss cryogenic motor
- Cryogenic optical measurement system
- Small integrated test system of TES and HWP





Sapphire Gluing (KAGURA)







4K CM cryostat @ Kavli IPMU

