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The GRID Project and Detector





Gamma Ray Integrated Detectors (GRID) concept: ^[1]

- 10 ~ 24 CubeSats scattered in low Earth orbits
- Compact gamma-ray detectors



[1] Wen, J., Long, X., Zheng, X. *et al.* <u>GRID: a student project to monitor the transient gamma-ray sky in the multi-messenger astronomy era</u>. *Exp Astron* **48**, 77–95 (2019) [2] Wen, JX., Zheng, XT., Yu, JD. *et al.* <u>Compact CubeSat Gamma-ray detector for GRID mission</u>. *NUCL SCI TECH* **32**, 99 (2021)

Update about the GRID-03B & GRID-04





Catalog number: 51830 Launched 02/27/2022



GRID-03B



GRID-04

GRID-03B New Digital Readout







DAQ-zynq7100



Preliminary Results from GRID-03b & GRID-04







GRB 220408B



GRB 220408A

Draft paper available on arXiv 2205.10506



Example: GRB 210121A (GRID-02)



Raw Data



With dark count noise cut-off (6σ)

Draft paper available on arXiv (<u>http://arxiv.org/abs/2205.10506</u>) In-orbit radiation damage characterization of SiPMs in GRID-02 CubeSat detector

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In-orbit Characterization Setup and Methods





Block diagram of the front-end electronics and characterization circuits of one channel in GRID detector. Details about GRID instrument design can be found in [2].

Scientific observation: ~20k seconds (5 ~ 6 hours) per day

Housekeeping data recorded to analyze SiPM dark current

Daily characterization experiments:

- I-V measurement at different bias voltage
- Charge injection test without and with bias voltage

Housekeeping data:

- Timestamp
- Bias voltage
- Current
- Temperature

Dark Current Increase





Figure 5: SiPM dark current (I_{dark}) at 28.5 V bias voltage as a function of time. are the sum of 16 SiPMs in the same channel and are unified to 5°C.

 Linear relationship between I_{dark} and radiation damage (dose or particle fluences) is found (model MicroFJ-60035-TSV):

GRID-02: ~ 93/96/98/110 µA / (year · chip) @5 ℃ & 28.5 V

~ 50 µA / (year · chip) @-20 ℃ & 28.5 V

SIRI-1: ~ 132 µA / (year · chip) @28.5 V, temp. not mentioned (22 °C?) [4]

• An approximate empirical equation around room temperature:

 $I_{\text{dark}}(\mu A) = 16 \cdot (0.26 \cdot Time(\text{Days}) + 1.96) \cdot e^{0.03428 \cdot (T - 273.15 - 5)}$

• with SHIELDOSE-2 model, SPENVIS calculates cumulative dose:

 $I_{\text{dark}}(\mu A) = 16 \cdot (1.9 \cdot Dose(\text{rad}) + 1.96) \cdot e^{0.03428 \cdot (T - 273.15 - 5)}$

Table 3: Measured and estimated dark current increasing rate of SIRI-1 and GRID-04.

Mission	Operating temperature	Operating voltage	Orbit	Dose in silicon	Dark current increasing rate per SiPM chip (μ A/year)	
	(°C)	(V)		(rad)	Measured	Estimated
SIRI-1	7.75	28.5	567 \times 589 km 97.7°	90	132	188
GRID-04	5	28.5	523×550 km 97.5°	90	182	171

Noise Assessment Through Charge Injection



• Campbell' s theorem gives

$$\sigma_{\text{dark current}}^{2} = DCR \cdot (Gain \cdot e)^{2} \cdot \int h^{2}(t) dt$$
$$\propto I_{\text{dark}} \cdot (V_{\text{bias}} - V_{\text{BD}})$$



calibration result ^[3]

Methods of Improve SNR



• Dominant noise for radiation damaged SiPM:

$$\sigma_{\text{dark current}}^2 = DCR \cdot (Gain \cdot e)^2 \cdot \int h^2(t) \, dt$$

- ① Lower temperature, lower DCR
 - DCR reduced by half for 16°C decrease at room temperature
 - Difficult for CubeSats ?
- ② Lower bias voltage, lower DCR
 - Trade off: Gain & PDE decrease as well
 - Care must be taken to find the optimum value
- ③ Lower readout time constant
 - Limited by scintillation decay time

Future Planning of GRID

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Thank you !

StarDetect DAQ System architecture





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