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Multiple Image X-ray Interferometer Modules (MIXIM) and their Scalable Mission Plans from Sub-arcsecond to µ-arcsecond Resolution

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- Telescopes are build with Grazing Incidence Mirrors with FL of 3-12m plus Pixel Detectors.
- 2. 0.5" resolution mirror is exceptional. It is very much difficult to reproduce it now.
- 3. Slits, Masks or Collimators are used for wide FOV surveys, in which angular resolution is limited to ~arcminutes.
- 4. Interferometers have been proposed. Some function in lab, but application in orbit are even more difficult.



A Challenge to these to obtain High Angular Resolution, which is essential in many cases from Galileo Galilei to EHT

Multi-Pinhole(Slit) Camera is the baseline



http://blog.goo.ne.jp/hanahana haru04/e/a8ef27218dee371313 6a89943109a431

STACK these multiple images in the analysis



Hayashida+2016 Multi Image X-ray Interferometer/Imager



- Only employ a Grating and an X-ray Pixel Detector
- Image profile detected reflects the profile of the X-ray source.
- Stacking the image with a period of *d* in the analysis, accurate source profile is obtained.
- Image Width $\theta = fd/z = 0.4'' \left(\frac{f}{0.2}\right) \left(\frac{d}{5\mu m}\right) / \left(\frac{z}{50cm}\right)$ Chandra Resolution with a 50cm size satellite ? But, diffraction blurs the image significantly.

But, but, Talbot Effect can be employed

Talbot Effect

- Parallel Light through a grating makes **Self Image** of the grating at periodic distances. (H.F.Talbot, 1836)
- Explained with **Diffraction** and **Interference** (Rayleigh, 1881)
- Hard X-ray Talbot Effect in experiment (P. Cloetens, 1997)
- Talbot Distance $z_T = m \frac{d^2}{\lambda}$



Talbot Carpet Image from Wen et al. Advances in Optics and Photonics 5, 83-130 (2013)

For $\lambda = 0.1$ nm(12keV) X-rays and a $d = 5\mu$ m pitch grating, Talbot distance z_T of m=2 is 50cm Multi Image X-ray Interferometer Module (or Method, Mission) = MIXIM

- X-ray Grating with >a few μm pitch and X-ray Imaging
 Spectrometer
- Select X-ray Events of which energy is within specific band around the Talbot condition $z=m\frac{d^2}{\lambda}$
 - Band-pass of about 10% (for m=2; 20% for m=1) can be utilized. Wider than Si-detector energy resolution of 2~3%. Good for X-ray CCD and X-ray CMOS.
- Stacked Image tell us the X-ray source profile

c.f. X-ray Talbot (-Lau) Interferometer Momose+(2003), Pfeiffer+(2006) for Phase Contrast X-ray Imaging of Light Material



Figure from http://rsif.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/7/53/1665



Hoshino+ 2014 KONICA MINOLTA TECHNOLOGY REPORT Vol11

- X-ray Gratings of a few μm pitch are fabricated and purchased.
- Pixel size of the detectors should be a few μm or smaller, while X-ray CCDs pixel is $24 \mu m$ or larger.
- Variety of CMOS pixel detectors designed for optical light.
- Some groups (Einstein Probe, FOXSI-3) succeeded in detecting X-rays with optical CMOS with 11μm pixel.
- We employed GSENSE5130 4.25μm pixel in 2017 and GMAX0505 2.5μm pixel in 2018, both from Gpixel Co.





FWHM=170eV@5.9keV at Room Temperature!!! In Open Air

Detection Layer ~ 5μ m Thick

Small pixel size enables us to detect X-ray polarization See Asakura+ 2019, JATIS, 5(3) and Poster #501

Small Pixel→Photo-electron-Track→X-ray polarimetry 12.4keV 24.8keV



SPring-8 BL20B2 200m beam line 2017 Nov,Dec 2018 May, Jun (4.25μm) 2018 Oct,Dec (2.5μm) Hayashida+2018 SPIE Proc.





Following data were taken with exposure/frame of 0.1-1s with attenuator to prevent pileup

Event Extraction \rightarrow Projection \rightarrow Folding Ex=12.4keV



*) Two periods are plotted for display purpose d=9.6µm, z=92cm





d=9.6µm, z=184cm



Energy Dependence of Visibility

pixel

0.5



pixel

12

Energy Dependence of Visibility→Band Width d=9.6µm,f=0.2, z=92cm



SPring-8 BL20B2 2019 Jul

- 1. Test large z case to obtain smaller (better) Image width <0.1"
- 2. First 2D imaging by stacking two 1D gratings diagonally z=8.67m



This Image is flipped horizontally to explain the configuration



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<0.1" Image was obtained !





"Experimental" Simulation of Two Sources z=92cm, Rotate the Optical Bench



MIXIM is scalable in unit no and in d&z







Limitations Not like Mirrors

No Collecting Power

- Additional Collimator (0.1-1deg) is needed.
- Eff. Area=Geo. Area x f x Det. Efficiency
- Non Xray Background will be those for conventional collimator detectors
- Narrow "1-period" FOV

Many Technical Issues

- Attitude Determination must be better than the image resolution.
 - Conventional Star Trackers are not enough.
 - Techniques used in Astrometry may help.
 - Common Issue for super high angular resolution instruments
- Note: Attitude Control is not as severe as
 - X-rays through Grating goes Detector; tolerance of mm is allowed.
 - Formation flight case, fuel needed to control the grating satellite orbit may be a problem.
- Optical CMOS detection layer is currently thin, e.g. 5um.

We should consider >mCrab apparently point-like targets with long exposures.

MIXIM FAQ

- 1. Is MIXIM interferometer?
 - In the sense that the Talbot Interference condition is the key. Multi slit camera employing the Talbot interference may be appropriate.
- 2. What is the FOV of MIXIM.
 - Folded image within the (additional) collimator is obtained. FOV is thus 0.1-1deg, while 1-folding-period is very narrow. If we use f=0.2 grating, just 5 times of θ.
 - One bright point-like source within 0.1-1deg FOV is expected.
- 3. Effective Area of several cm² is too small, isn't it?
 - People observe >µCrab (Suzaku) >10nCrab (Chandra) sources with Telescopes with 100-1000cm² effective area.
 - For MIXIM targets >mCrab, it should be enough
 - cf. We roughly estimate 0.1 c/MIXIM-unit/Crab with technical enhancement in next few years. 5 units, 5mCrab source need 0.5Ms to collect 10³ counts.
- 4. How can you obtain 2D image? Muti-Pin-Hole?
 - 1D units placed X and Y are baseline. 2D mask with larger opening is being designed.