CMOS X-Ray Detectors for Industrial NDT & Inspection

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Teledyne Technologies

- Technology for a challenging world
 - Defense communications
 - Offshore exploration and production
 - Infrared imaging
 - Environmental monitoring
 - Missile defense engineering
 - Commercial aviation





Segment Overview

Instrumentation

Test and measurement, monitoring and control instrumentation, and power and communications connectivity devices for marine, environmental, electronics and other applications

Digital Imaging

High performance sensors, cameras and systems within the visible, infrared and X-ray spectra, used in industrial, government and medical applications

Aerospace and Defense Electronics

Sophisticated electronic components, subsystems and communications products, including defense electronics, commercial avionics, and harsh environment interconnects

Engineered Systems

Innovative systems engineering, manufacturing and specialized products for government, energy and industrial customers



Teledyne DALSA's History

- 30 Years in Imaging as DALSA, a Canadian Public Company
- Focus on Image Sensor and Datapath Innovation
- Consistently Profitable
- Organic Growth + Acquisition Growth
- Legacy of Technology Leadership
- Acquired in February 2011 by Teledyne Inc





X-Ray Sensor/Detector Highlights

Medical Diagnostics



Dental Imaging











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X-Ray Detector (Manufacturing) Locations





CMOS Technology Advantages



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Leading Real-Time Imaging at Low X-Ray Dose

- Real-time (≥30fps) imaging at full resolution
 - Enabled by high speed integrated circuits
- High diagnostic image quality (DQE) at low X-ray dose
 - Enabled by low noise CMOS
 - Up to ten times more sensitive (less noise) than amorphous silicon
- Increased resolving power (MTF)
 - Small CMOS pixel sizes with high fill factor, sensitivity
- Absence of image lag, ghosting and other artifacts
 - Enabled by high electron mobility and quality of CMOS process



Integrated CMOS Image Sensor





CMOS X-Ray Detector Architecture





Scintillators

- Converts x-ray energy to visible light
- Available as crystals, liquids, powders etc.
- Examples are CaWO₄, CsI and Gd₂O₂S
- Critical characteristics are conversion efficiency, absorption efficiency, and resolution



Low Readout Noise

CMOS ACTIVE PIXEL





Detective Quantum Efficiency



In-Pixel Switchable Sensitivity



- Pinned Photo Diode serves only
 as light sensitive element
- The connected capacitance defines the pixel sensitivity
- A switchable pixel sensitivity enables optimized performance for detector low and high dose operation



Radiation-Hard Sensor Design

- Sensor design optimized for constant detector performance over product lifetime
 - Response linearity
 - No additional pixel/row/column defects
 - Readout noise
- Very gradual changes over product lifetime
 - Sensitivity (scintillator)
 - Dark current (sensor)
- Dark current variations are intrinsically corrected by standard dark frame subtraction methods



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CMOS Detectors & Applications



Shad-o-Box 1280 HS

- Large active area of 12.8x12.8cm (5x5in)
- 5 lp/mm (100µm) resolution
- Real-time 30fps GigE interface
 - CameraLink option (OEM only)
- 14-bit digitization
- Radiation-hard up to 1 MRad at 225kVp
- Sensitivity as high as 15 LSB/µR (80kVp)
- Ready-to-run software, SDK, sample code
- Power supply & Ethernet cable included (trigger cable is extra)





Cabinet X-Ray

- Electronics Inspection: cabinet systems for bare PCBs (alignment) or complete assemblies (solder joints, BGA, wirebonds etc.)
- Industrial CT: 3D analysis of parts ranging from microassemblies to engine blocks





Micro-focus X-Ray





Multi-tile Detectors

Multi-tile, large-area cameras

- Based on Shad-o-Box HS 99 µm architecture
- Real-time performance, radiation hard



Large-Area Tiled Sensors

- Mulitple sensors tiled in 2 x N array
- Active area up to 30x40cm (12x16")
- 100-200µm pixels
- Up to 225kV x-ray energy range





Shad-o-Box 3028 HS

- First large-area, tiled, real-time CMOS x-ray detector
- Active area of 30x28 cm (12" x 11")
- 8.3 Mpixel resolution at 100 µm pixel size
- 30 fps real-time video
- Dual CameraLink I/F
- 14-bit digital image quality





"Rad-icon" Large-Area Detector Family

Utilizing Teledyne DALSA's proprietary CMOS active pixel technology, the Rad-icon family of real-time CMOS x-ray detectors is the industry's first to exceed the low-dose performance of Image Intensified detectors, setting new industry benchmarks in DQE, low power dissipation and radiation lifetime.



Large-format detector designed to replace 12 inch II cameras.

available Oct.'14

Rad-icon 1520*

detector with 6x8 inch format.

available now



Industrial Inspection / NDT

- Portable Inspection: Compact, portable x-ray panels for bomb detection, pipelines, infrastructure
- High Energy: Applications require up to 450kVp of x-ray energy to penetrate thick steel objects (compared to 70-120kVp for medical apps)





Portable Valve Inspection System

- Teledyne to develop a portable pipe valve x-ray inspection system consisting of:
 - High-voltage x-ray generator (200-300kV)
 - CMOS real-time x-ray detector
 - Laptop with software
- Estimated selling price \$75-100K
- Ability to "see" in real time the motion of internal components
- Portable x-ray generator can be switched on only when needed
- Live demo (world premiere!)
 tomorrow









Weld Inspection

- Teledyne DALSA CMOS Detector (99µm pixel size, 30x30cm area)
- ICM CP200 X-Ray Generator _ (200kV, 4.5mA, const. potential)
- EN 462-1 standard for 15mm steel plate: requirement is to observe D13 (Ø200µm) wire in IQI (Image Quality Indicator)



CMOS, 10 sec Exposure



Film, 2 min Exposure



