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Electrical Engineering @ LASP





Detector-to-Downlink Full System Capability



Detecting Physical Phenomena – Photons, Protons, Fields, Dust, ...

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Mechanisms – Open and precision closed-loop control

Flight Computers, FPGAs, and diverse S/C Interfaces







Low and High Voltage Power Supplies

MAVEN IUVS

All images are from the MAVEN Imaging UltraViolet Spectrometer Electronics

Engineering Through the Full Lifecycle

- Proposal concept generation and writing
- Requirements definition
- Schematics
- Simulation
- Prototype
- Parts selection and qualification
- ETU build and test
- Flight build and test
- I&T support
- Mission support



Detector Electronics Pushing Boundaries

• Multiple detection disciplines

- Photodiodes
- Photoarrays
 - CCDs
 - CMOS
- PMTs
- MCPs
- Bolometers
- EM field detectors
- Radiation detectors
- Dust Detectors











Compact, Low Power, 6-channel ASIC

- Six Channels of charge sensitive electrometers
 - 20-bit analog-to-digital converters (10⁶ Dynamic Range) per channel
 - Absolute error less than 0.7% from 50 fA to 2.5 nA, Noise < 12.5 fA
- Sensitivity is resistor selectable; 10 fC / Count nominal
- Low Power: ASIC uses 5 mW; external bias circuit uses 120 mW
- On chip self calibration circuitry for in flight gain measurement
- RAD Hard to 425 KRAD

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- XRS Engineering Unit flown on two SDO/EVE Rocket Verification flights
- Custom 6-layer, 52-pin Ceramic Quad Flatpack



FPGA Design Group

- Digital Signal Processing

 Filters, FFT, Pulse Detection, Data Compression
- Digital Control Systems
 - Motor Control, Precision Optics, Power Systems, Control. Closed Loop Temperature Control
- System on a Chip Designs for Space
 - Embedded Processors, Fault Tolerance
- Memory Interfaces
 - SDRAM, Flash, Serial EEPROM, EDAC
- Spacecraft Communications Interfaces
 CCSDS, Spacewire, PCI, 1553
- FPGA Test and Verification
- Proven FPGA design process







Broad Range of Power Systems

- LVPS: custom multi-output, flyback & forward, custom magnetics, linear post-regulation, HiRel bricks
- HVPS: low-noise, multi-output designs for PMTs, image intensifiers, energetic particle and dust detectors
- Thorough analysis and test: static, dynamic, stability, noise, thermal, part stress, worst case, etc.





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Precision Control System Design

- Over 40 Unique Spaceflight Mechanism Controllers since 1998
- Fery Prism Drive (FPD)
 - Precise closed-loop wavelength selection
 - Sub arc-second stability and repeatability
 - 80 Hz stabilization bandwidth
 - CCD position sensor for FPD uses subpixel interpolation
- Electronic Substitution Radiometer
 - Precision thermal balance controller
 - Calibrated uncertainty to less than 100ppm









RF Systems

- 0 dB Gain Patch Antenna Design Out To 60 Degrees
- EM Simulation Tools For Coupled Microstrip Filter Designs
- RF Mixers and Filters Applied To X-Band CubeSat Design







Parts Engineering and Qualification

Proven success:

- Working with multi-organizational Parts Control Boards
- Working with multi-disciplined personnel (quality engineering, reliability engineering, design engineering, program management, suppliers, customers)
- Organized, timely, and comprehensive documentation of parts approval process
- Evaluating EEE parts against screening and qualification requirements
- Processing Non-Standard Part Approval Requests, program waiver requests, and negotiated quality documentation
- Certified pre-cap inspections
- Supporting EEE part costing efforts for proposals
- Managing GIDEP Advisories and Alerts





Innovative Electro-Mechanical Designs



