ポリイミドフィルムと圧電素子を利用した 大面積微小デブリセンサーの開発

Micro-debris sensor with large sensitive area utilizing polyimide film and piezoelectric elements

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Although micro debris of 0.1 to several millimeters in size may cause serious collision damage to the spacecraft, the measurement data of orbital distribution of such micro debris are limited in availability. Particularly, it is known that the number of micro debris in the size range increases rapidly as compared with debris of centimeter to several meters in size. For evaluating debris collision risk of spacecraft, it is common knowledge that the precise measurement of the micro debris is a problem to be solved.

We conduct research and development regarding a micro debris sensor with a large detection area (> 1 m2) utilizing a lightweight polyimide film and piezoelectric elements. We attempt to realize a micro debris sensor by attaching piezoelectric elements as pickup sensors onto a polyimide film, in which the pickup sensors read acoustic signals generated by collision of micro debris on the film.

In this presentation we introduce the sensor and report the current status of the development.

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Observational data gap in the range of 100 μ m to 1cm which has damage risk on S/C

- Micro-debris particles (100µm to 1mm in size) may cause damage on spacecraft partly, while one of 1cm may cause serious damages on entire spacecraft system
- Over 10cm sized debris in orbit are tracked regularly by ground stations and maintained in catalogue while microdebris particle (100um to 1cm) has lack of observational data due to difficulty of observation
 - Optical and radar observations from ground are not useful to survey micro debris particles with the size of $100\mu m$ to 1cm
 - With traditional dust/micro-debris particle sensors, the sensitivity is too low because the spatial density of the micro-debris is too low

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Large sensitive are necessary for micro-debris particle surveillance



From Fig. 4. ORDEM 3.0 and MASTER-2009 orbital debris fluxes for the SSO orbit in 2014 in Krisko et al. Acta Astronautica in 2015.

- There are two major space models; ORDEM and MASTER, however, there are big discrepancy between their fluxes for micro-debris particle in 100µm to 1cm
- Validation (or benchmarking) of orbital debris model are limited due to low statistics of measurement data
- The sensor should have a sensitive area of 1m² or larger for the realistic observation time in orbit.

Requirement to micro-debris particle sensor

- The sensor shall have a large sensitive area of > 1m²
- (Such large sensitive area sensor is likely to be large in volume and weighty,) the sensor shall have low mass
- The sensor shall have an ability of true-false judgment of detected signals (to be reliable sensor)

For the purpose, we have a suggestion for the sensor with a large sensitive area of $> 1m^2$ which we are developing for the other purpose

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By the way, Martian Dust Rings.... We develop a sensor for the purpose

Martian Dust Ring: Previous theoretical studies



MMX, Martian Moons Explorer



Time frame of MMX

Launch	Aug, 2024
Mars Arrival	July, 2025
Mars Departure	May, 2028
Earth Arrival	April, 2029

Launch Mass : 3000kg Three stages system. Return module: 1050kg Exploration module: 150kg Propulsion module: 1800kg Mission Duration : 5 years



In-situ Dust Measurement to discover Martian Dust Ring: the requirement to the sensor hardware is very similar to one for micro-debris

- Low resource requirement (simple dust sensor needed)
 - This is a dust mission for undiscovered objects, the agency basically does not want to invest much resources; mass, volume, power, data downlink and also financial cost for development.
- Large sensitive area needed
 - The spatial density of the ring dust particles are theoretically predicted, however, dust density will not be sure until discovery. We may find the enhancement in dust flux from the background level of interplanetary dust particle flux.
- Other type of dust sensor than impact ionization
 - Impact speed to the spacecraft in orbit around Mars is < 0.68 km/s for Phobos ring and < 0.82 km/s for Deimos ring, the dust sensor shall be sensitive to such low speed impact as less than 1 km/s. Impact Ionization detection does not work.

Circum-Martian Dust Monitor (CMDM) being developed for Martina Dust Rings, and can be useful for micro-debris surveillance



- Some small pieces of piezoelectric sensors put on the top layer of MLI made of polyimide film.
- The piezoelectric sensors detect elastic wave induced by dust impact on the polyimide film.

Sensitive area can be expanded by putting more piezoelectric sensor

- Momentum sensor.
- 1m² detection area is needed, to find the enhancement in dust flux from the surrounding environment (interplanetary dust)

Measurement principle is established by experiment

Penetration measurement by detecting impact acoustic emission wave



Signal level is inversely proportion to propagation distance



Penetration positioning is useful for true/false judgement of event



(true/false judgement).

three different location.

Even smaller dust particles are detectable.

Tiny dust particle measurement with an amplifier using dust accelerators



Osaka University, 100kV dust accelerator

With the knowledges from light gas gun experiments, breadboard model of amplifier is made up.



Colorado University, 3MV dust accelerator



Signal levels of the impact acoustic emission sensor derived from experiments



- Signal level corresponding to momentum transfer, 6.1×10^{-11} [Ns] is detectable at the propagation distance of 50cm.
- Momentum transfer from the dust ring particles is > 7.2x10⁻⁹ [Ns].

Simple and compact electronics



- Electronics has no technological challenge
- Electronics can be compact like CUBESAT 1 U volume
- Signal detection rate should be low even if including noise event, telemetry is low as HK

Resource requirements

Item		value
Mass	Sensor	0.05 kg
	Electronics	0.65 kg
	Harness	TBD
Power	Standby	< 2W
	Operation	< 3W
Size	Sensor (PZT)	10mmф×2mm×4pcs.
	Electronics	200mm×120mm×40m m
	Harness	TBD

Technological feasibility in space

Parts and materials for the dust sensor should have sufficient tolerance to harsh space tolerance (which are placed on the outer layer)

- Thermal tolerance
 - PZT sensor has very wide range of operational temperature, -196 °C to +170 °C.
 - There are some space products of glue available in such wide temperature range. Those products will be evaluated in terms of sensor performance.
- Radiation tolerance
 - Piezoelectricity of the PZT sensor is not significantly deteriorated by radiation.
 - There are some space products of glue available in high radiation field. Those products will be evaluated in terms of sensor performance.

Glue for adhesive bonding of PZT sensor on MLI might be key issue.

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Summary

- Large sensitive area sensor for dust particles which is developed for Martian Dust Rings can be used for in-situ micro-debris particle (100µm to 1cm) in orbit
- The sensor configuration is very simple and the expansion of the detection area is very easy by increasing the number of piezoelectric sensors for signal pick up
- Other than the footprint of the sensor, the sensor system has low resource requirement; low weight and small volume, low power, low telemetry

Please find more details in



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