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**Title: GSAOI H2RG 4Kx4K Detector Mosaic Module
Design Description**

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This document describes the design and construction of the 4Kx4K Pixel Detector Mosaic Module for the Gemini South Adaptive Optics Imager (GSAOI) Instrument being built by the Mount Stromlo Observatory for the Gemini South Telescope. The module is designed to house four H2RG Infrared SCAs (Sensor-Chip-Arrays) from Rockwell Scientific.

H2RG SCA Package

The Rockwell H2RG package was developed to allow the safe mounting of an H2RG SCA hybrid infrared imager and its subsequent incorporation into a mosaic focal plane array (FPA). The design owes much of its heritage to mosaic CCD packaging developed and employed in numerous large CCD mosaic focalplanes by GL Scientific and others over the last decade. The design includes the following features:

- Package material chosen to provide the best CTE match to the SCA hybrid.
- Close edge buttability on 3 sides to match the 3-edge buttable layout of the H2RG ROIC.
- Reduced structure on the 4th edge to minimize the footprint of the individual detectors as well as reduce the overall size of the final mosaic FPA. Enables construction of close-packed mosaics of arbitrary size.
- Mechanical mounting using removable, thermally-conductive spacer/shims that can be adjusted to tune the height of the SCA detector surface.
- Robust wirebond ceramic electrical interconnect circuit optimized for cryogenic cycling and designed to provide the best possible device performance with the incorporation of detector bias filtering.
- Flexcircuit interconnect that mates to the wirebond ceramic and terminates in a 37-pin Micro-D connector.
- Incorporation of attachment points for fixtures to allow safe handling of the packaged devices and their safe installation into a mosaic FPA.

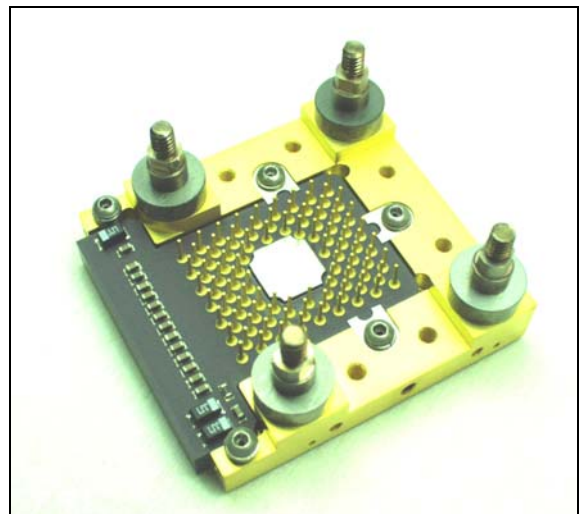
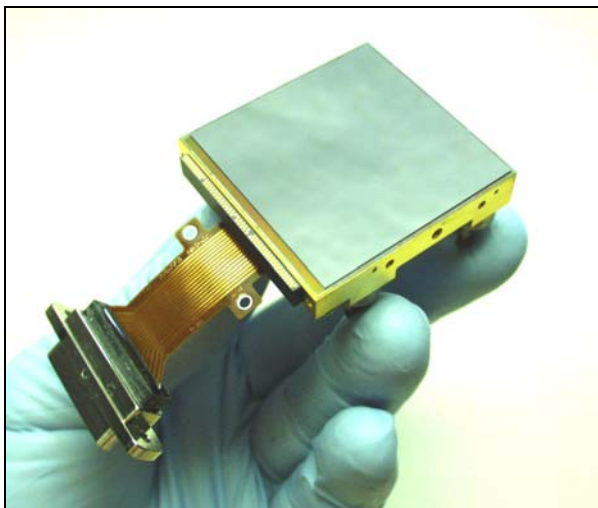
The H2RG SCA Package consists of 3 major components:

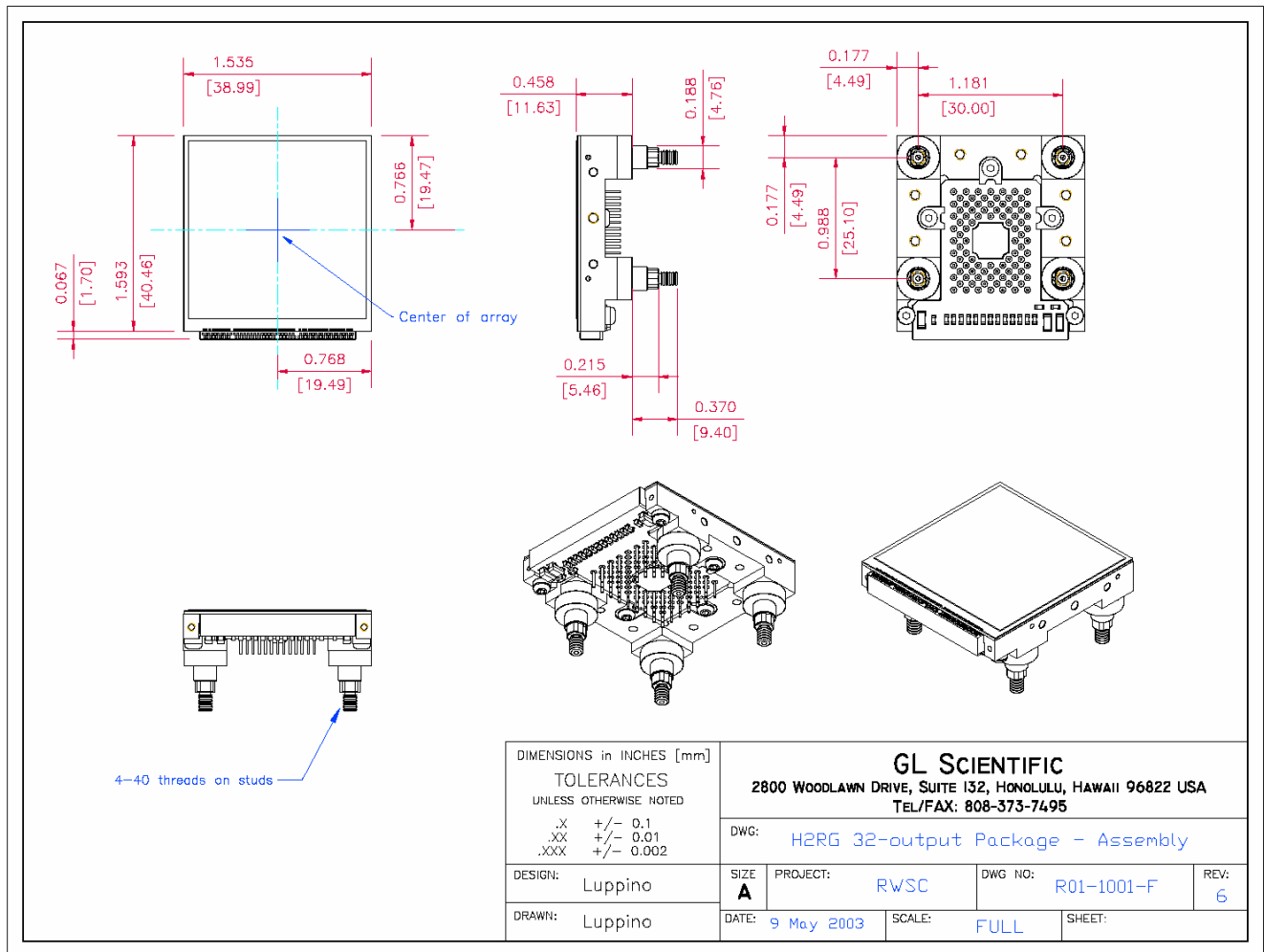
1. The TZM/Molybdenum hybrid mount.
2. The TZM/Molybdenum spacer disks and copper/tungsten (Cu/W) stud/pin legs.
3. The wirebond ceramic PGA.

Thermal modeling of the H2RG CdZnTe-HgCdTe-BCS hybrid structure indicates that the best material choice for the hybrid mount is TZM/molybdenum (TZM is a molybdenum alloy with trace components

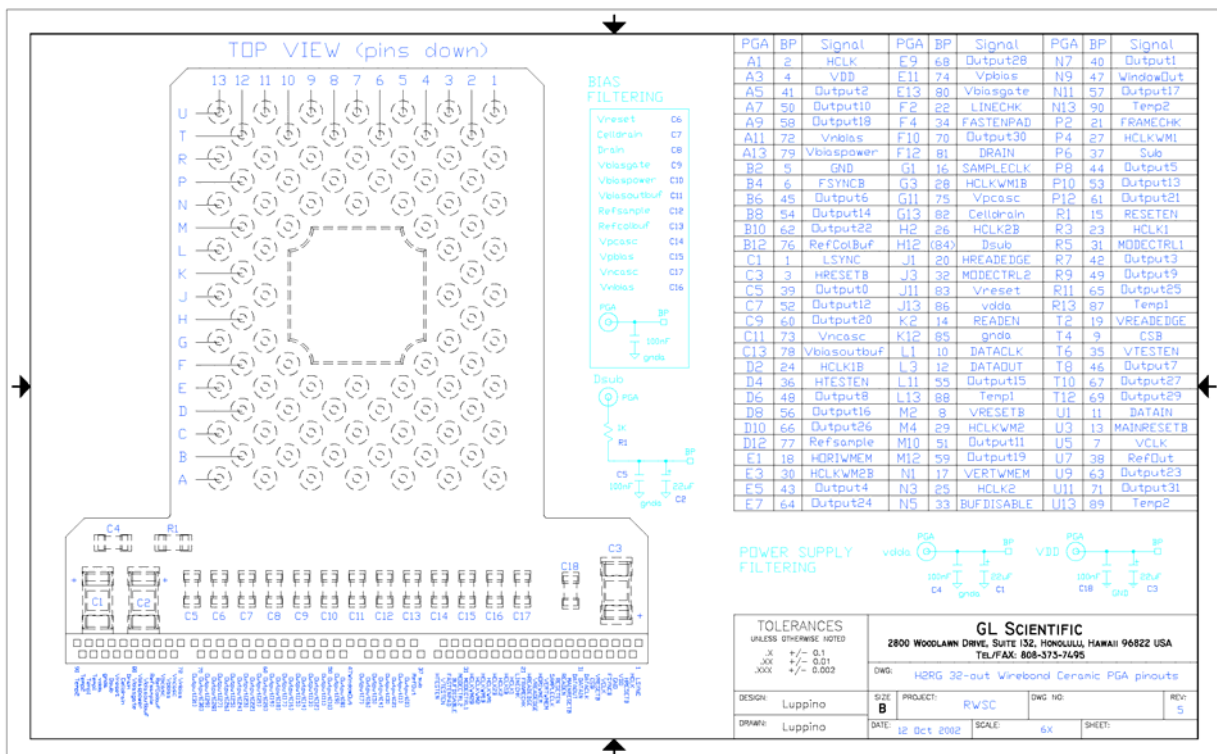
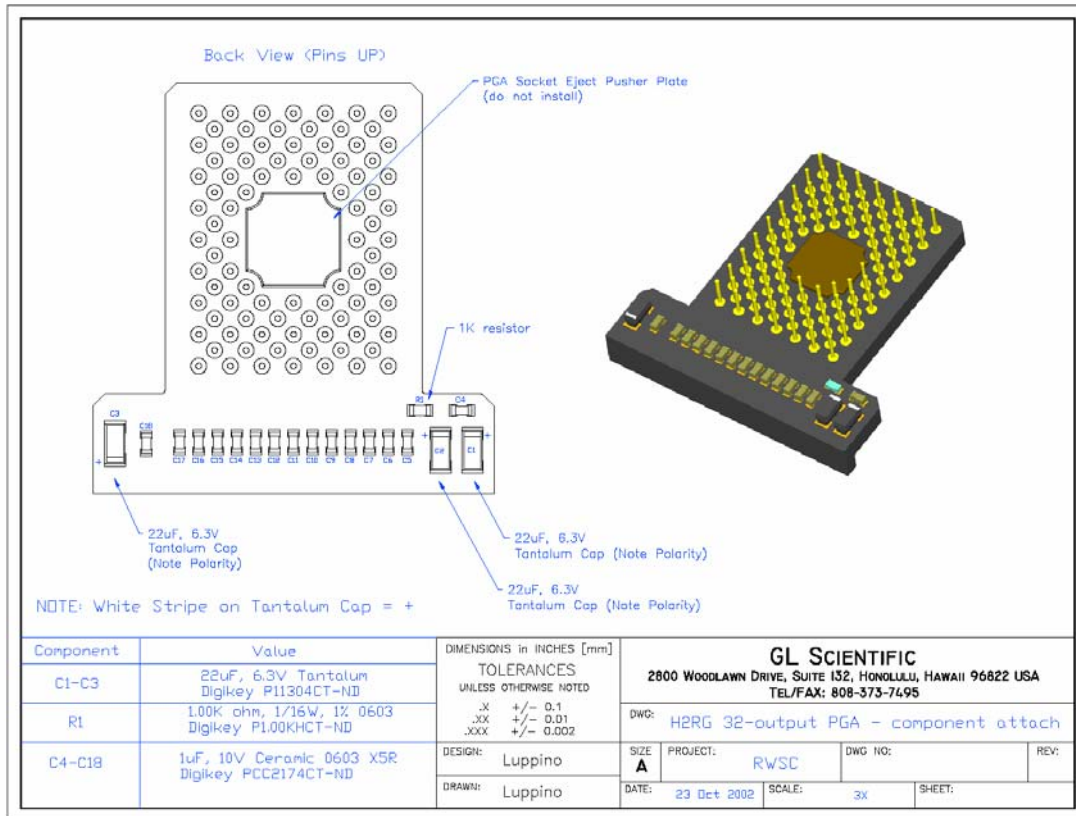
of titanium and zirconium). The current H2RG hybrid mount consists of a machined TZM block with four mounting pads on the bottom surface. The dimensions of the footprint of the block slightly exceed the footprint of the diced hybrid insuring that the mounted hybrid lies within the boundary of the block and does not overhang at any point. This is important as it reduces the risk of damaging the hybrid when mounting multiple SCAs in a mosaic FPA. The thickness of the block at the mounting pads is 9 mm. The block is surface ground on all six sides to a precision of ± 5 microns. The top surface on which the hybrid is attached is flat and co-planar to the mounting pads to a precision of ± 5 microns. A tapped hole (4-40) with a precision reamed counterbore is located in the center of each mounting pad. A copper/tungsten (Cu/W) stud/pin and TZM spacer disk are screwed into each mounting pad. The stud/pin has single-point-turned 4-40 threads on each end and two precision cylindrical surfaces coaxial with the threaded studs. The smaller diameter cylinder inserts through a hole in the TZM spacer disk and engages the precision counterbore in the TZM base. The larger diameter cylinder retains the TZM spacer disk in place and serves as a locating pin when inserted into the focalplane mounting plate of the FPA. The device is pulled onto the FPA mounting plate by attaching a Belleville washer and locking nut. The TZM spacer disks have a diameter of 9 mm and are machined to a thickness of 3 mm ± 5 microns. These disks set the height of the detector surface with respect to the focalplane mounting plate. This design offers several advantages over a fixed-thickness package base by allowing (limited) tuning of the height of the SCA detector surface to compensate for small variations in epoxy bondlines in the hybrid stackup or small variations in the thickness of the hybrid die attach bondline. Once a hybrid is attached to a TZM base with its four spacer disks and Cu/W legs, the detector surface height is measured to a precision of 1 micron using a non-contact optical metrology microscope. If needed, the surface height of each packaged hybrid can be adjusted by removing and lapping the individual spacer disks. This proven design has been used extensively with large CCD mosaic focalplanes, and has achieved focalplane coplanarity tolerances of ± 5 microns.

Thermal connection to the package base is made through the TZM spacer disks and Cu/W stud/pins. Cu/W was chosen for the stud/pins because of its high strength and close CTE match to TZM. While a 3-point mount would seem to be preferred over a 4-legged version, this design insures the detector is thermally connected to the FPA focalplane mounting plate in a symmetrical fashion so that thermal gradients across the package are minimized during temperature cycling. Steps have been taken in the design of the FPA focalplane mounting plate to insure the mechanical mounting of the 4 legs is not over-constrained. Vacuum vent holes or vented fasteners are used for all blind, tapped holes.





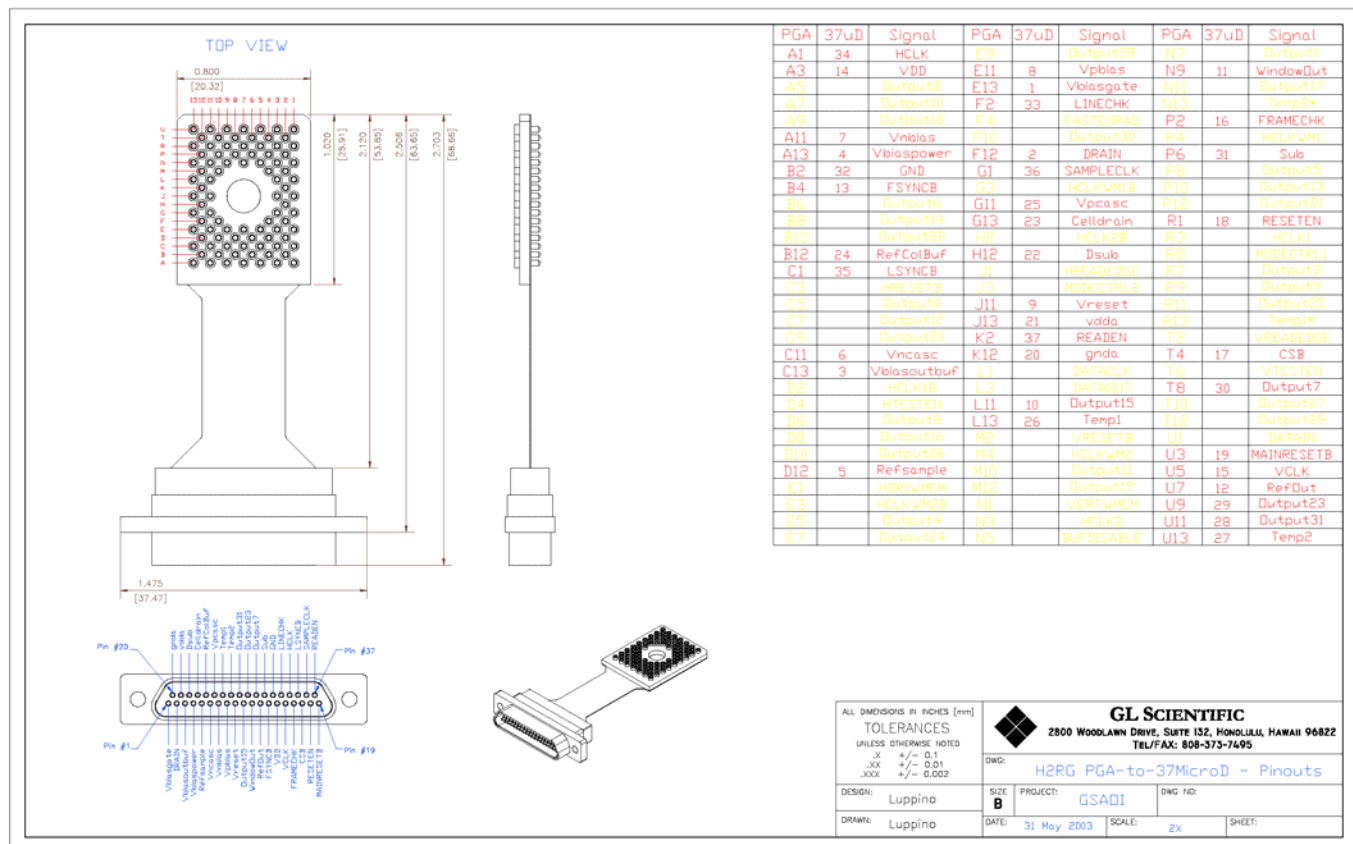
A cavity is machined into the bottom surface of the TSM base between the mounting pads to allow the attachment of a custom wirebond ceramic pin grid array (PGA). After experimenting with various ceramic technologies and geometries, we have adopted a high-temperature co-fired ceramic (HTCC) ceramic manufactured by Kyocera (A440). Bondpads are located on a ledge of the ceramic that extends out and up along the 4th edge of the package, adjacent to the ROIC bondpads. This design only requires an additional 2 mm of space along this edge. HTCC ceramic technology is well-suited for cryogenic operation, and many similar ceramics have been used successfully in other cryogenic applications. This ceramic has been extensively tested for its cryogenic suitability. The current multilayer ceramic design routes all of the H2RG bondpads to a 90-pin interstitial PGA. The ceramic includes an internal groundplane, and traces are routed to maintain the separation of digital and analog. Surface mount filter capacitors for the detector biases are attached to the bottom side of the ceramic. Electrical connection to the PGA is made using a flexcircuit terminated in a 37-pin micro-D connector. Although the 90 pin PGA carries all the signals necessary for full 32-output operation of the device, only a fraction of the 90-pins on the PGA are needed for 4-output operation. The wirebond ceramic is held in place with spring clamps and mounting screws. This allows the ceramic to mechanically "float" so it does not influence the mechanical properties of the TSM base when thermally cycled.



H2RG Flexcircuit

Electrical connection to the wirebond PGA is made using a custom interstitial PGA socket manufactured by Advanced Interconnections, Inc. The socket consists of an array of discrete, gold-plated machined socket contacts attached to a peel-away polyimide (kapton) sheet. The socket contacts are soldered into a polyimide flexcircuit that is supported in this area by a rigid polyimide stiffener. After soldering, the peel-away sheet is removed leaving an array of socket contacts supported by the polyimide stiffener on the flexcircuit.. Various options for flexcircuits exist. For the GSAOI application, only 4-output mode is needed and the flexcircuit is terminated with a 37-pin micro-D connector (an alternative flexcircuit with a 92-pin Hirose surface-mount connector is available to allow access to all of the 90 pins on the PGA for full 32-output operation of the H2RG).

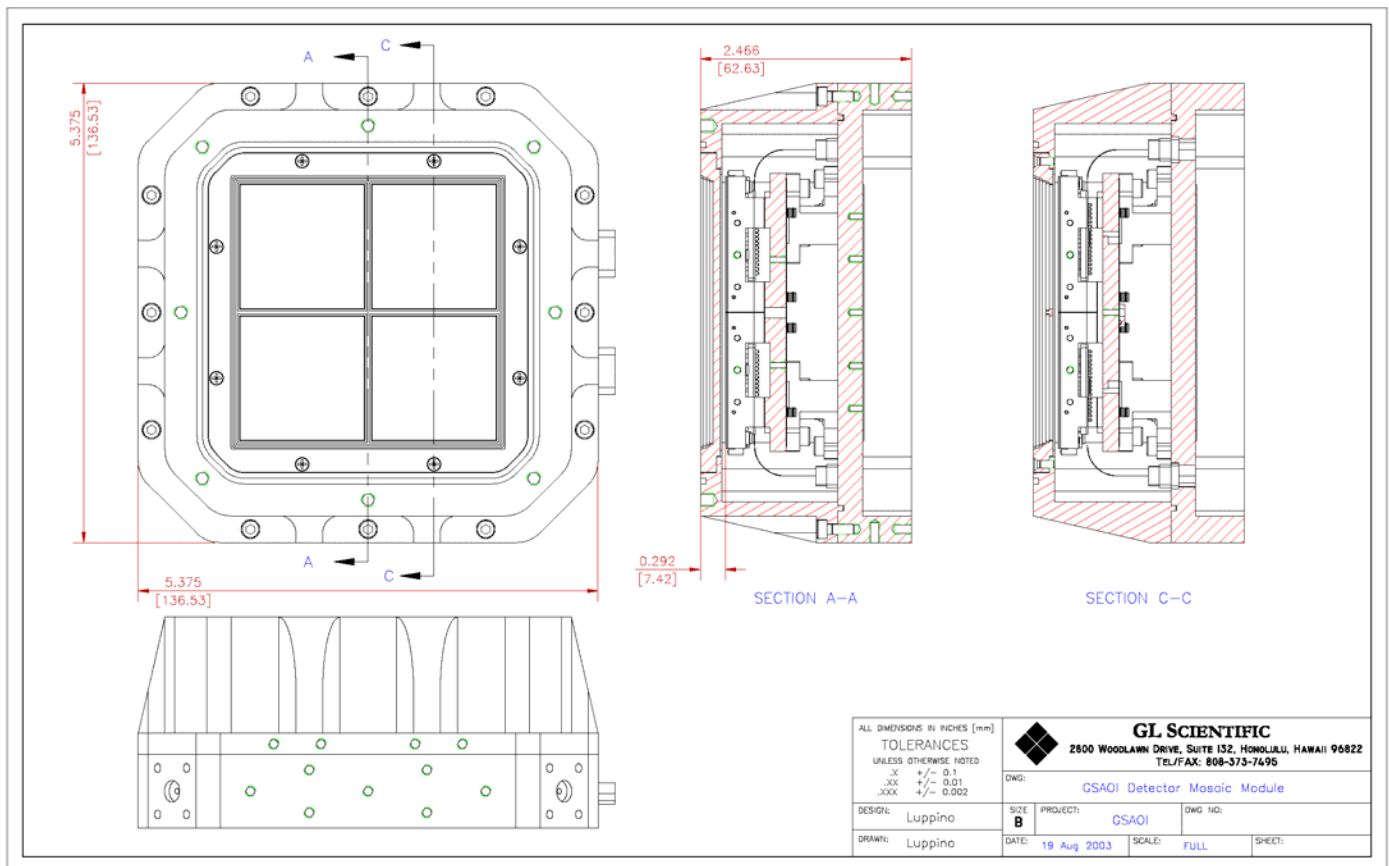
Installation of the flexcircuit is done with the device mounted on its handling bracket as provided in the H2RG shipping/storage container. The bracket is set onto a flat surface with the device hanging upside-down, the PGA pins are lined up with the flexcircuit socket contacts, and the flexcircuit is pressed into place by hand. The flexcircuit is properly engaged when the PGA pins bottom-out in the socket contacts with about 1-2 mm of space between the top of the pins and the bottom surface of the ceramic. To remove the flexcircuit, an M3 screw is threaded into the tapped ejection bushing mounted in the center region of the PGA socket contacts on the flexcircuit. The screw contacts a metal plate epoxied onto the ceramic (to avoid stressing and possibly cracking the ceramic) and jacks the socket off of the PGA pins. Care is needed to insure the socket is lifted off the PGA pins in a uniform manner to avoid bending the PGA pins.



Design Description of 2x2 H2RG Detector Mosaic Module

The 2x2 Detector Mosaic Module design described in this document has evolved from a focal plane array (FPA) design developed as a prototype for the NGST/JWST satellite. This particular design is the 4th iteration of the NGST/JWST FPA design and has been tailored for use in ground-based astronomical instruments. This design was driven by the following primary requirements:

- The design should allow the mounting of four H2RG SCAs to form a close-packed 2x2 mosaic FPA.
- The detector surfaces of the mounted SCAs should be co-planar to the required tolerance.
- It should be possible to remove, and replace or re-install individual SCAs from the FPA without disturbing adjacent SCAs.
- The design should achieve temperature control of the mosaic focalplane to mK levels.
- The design should provide a convenient electrical interface to the SCAs and allow for the (future) option of incorporation of the Rockwell SIDECAR ASIC.

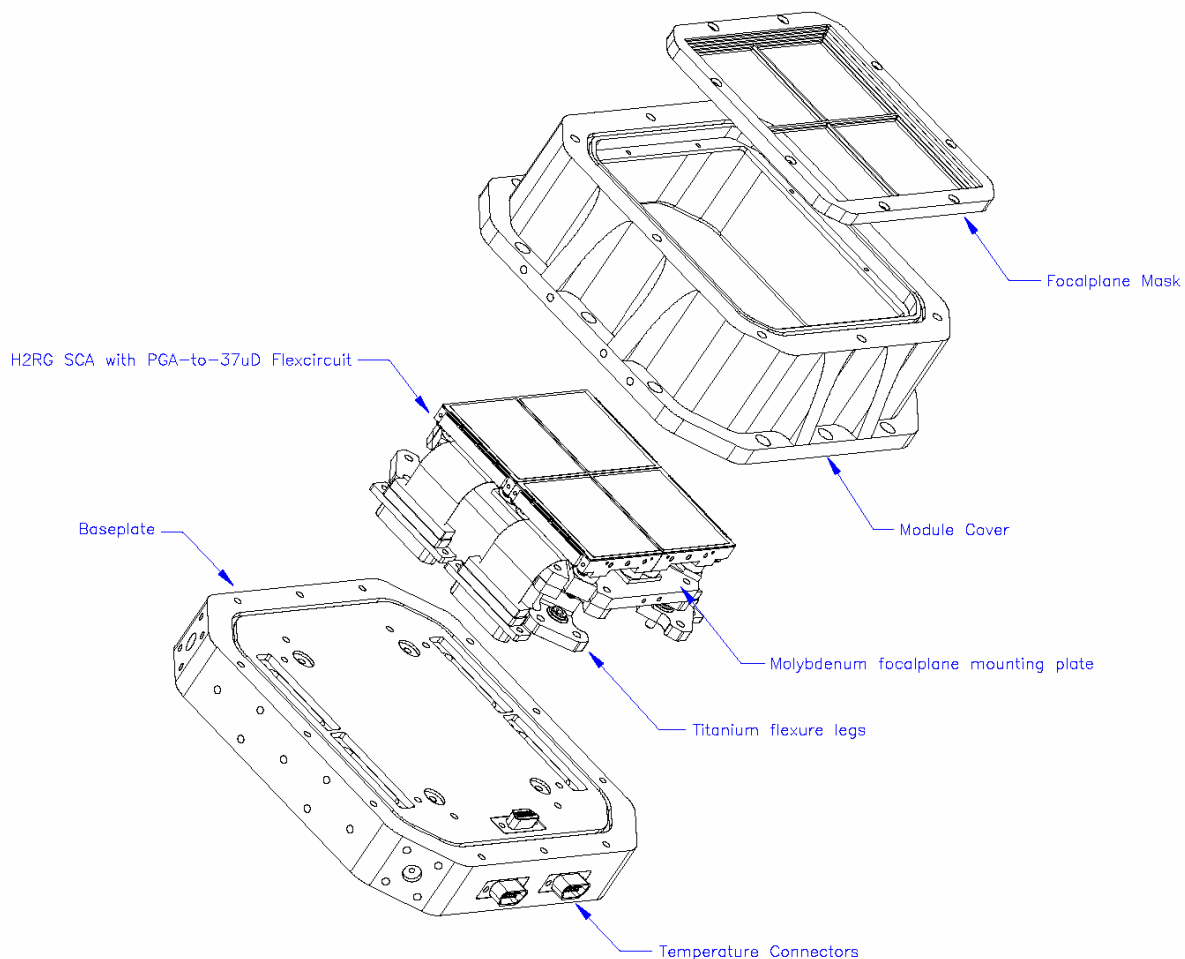


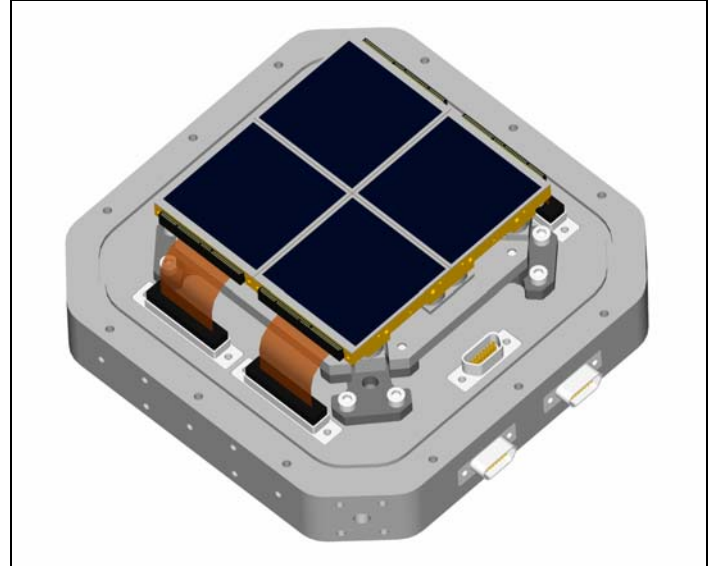
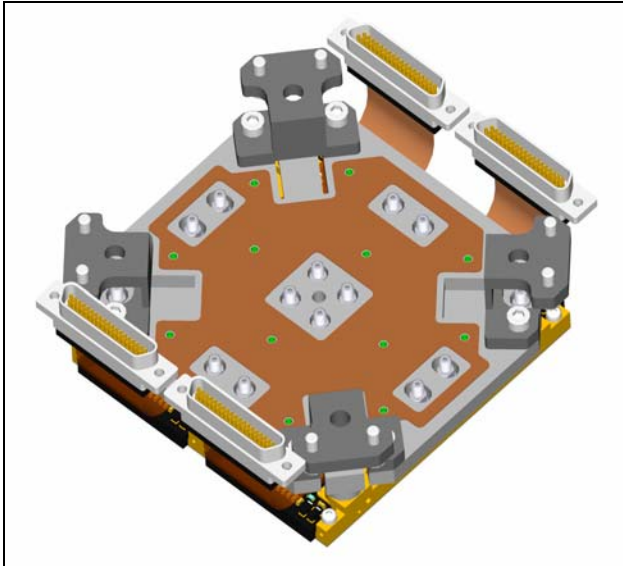
The resulting design is a compact module that meets all of the requirements listed above. The H2RG SCAs are mounted onto a common TZM/molybdenum focalplane mounting plate. The mounting plate has four sets of four holes into which the SCA Cu/W stud/pins are inserted. Each set of holes consists of a precision hole that fixes the location of the SCA, a precision slot that constrains the rotation of the SCA, and two slightly oversized holes for the remaining two mounting studs. The height of each SCA is set by the molybdenum spacer disks

located coaxial to each of the stud/pins. Thermal contact to the moly plate is made through the moly spacers and Cu/W stud/pins, and four mounting points are used for each SCA to insure the thermal contact is symmetrically distributed around each SCA package. The moly plate is flexured at one of the hole locations so that SCA is not over-constrained when pulled down onto the plate. The focalplane mounting plate is attached to the module baseplate using four titanium standoffs. The standoffs set the height of the focalplane, and combine stiffness with limited thermal connection between the focalplane and the module baseplate. Holes are cut into the baseplate to allow mounting of the 37 micro-D connectors at the end of the detector flexcables. Connectors are also provided for the thermal control circuitry.

In order to keep stray light to a minimum, a gold-plated aluminum module cover attaches to the baseplate and surrounds and protects the focalplane. A stepped mask with a stepped central spider is attached into a recess in the front of the module cover. This part is lightly bead blasted to a matte finish and is black anodized. The purpose of this part is to reduce reflections and scattered light from the exposed, reflective portions of the the H2RG detectors (e.g. the 1mm regions around the edges of the ROIC, the bondpads and wirebonds, etc.).

Attachment points are provided so that the module can be mounted from the front, the back, or from the faces of the four corners of the baseplate.





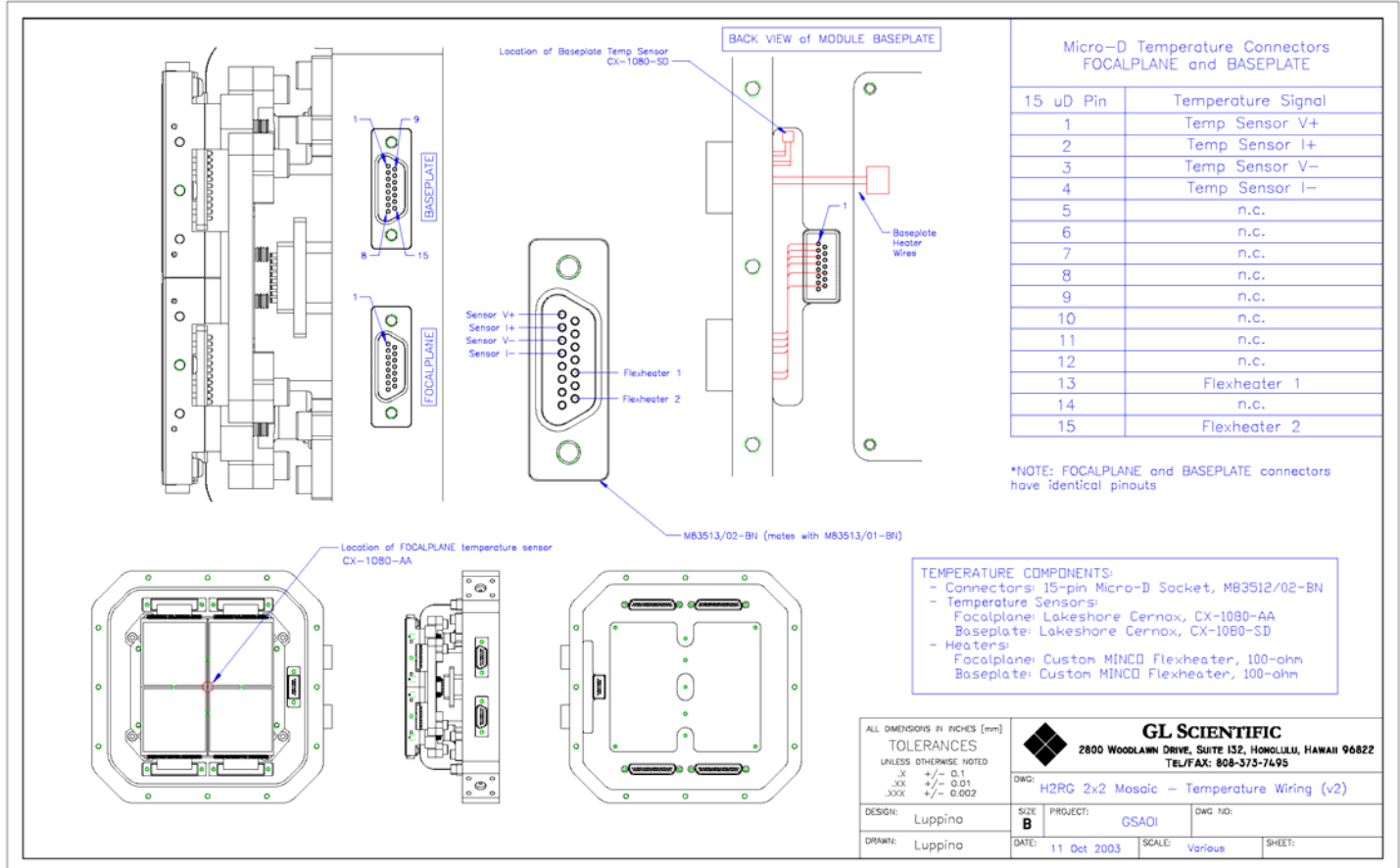
Detector Module Thermal Design

One of the primary goals of this module design is to enable mK temperature control of the mosaic focalplane. Such thermal stability can be achieved using a 2-stage approach: the module baseplate is connected to the instrument cryocooler or cold work surface and its temperature is regulated using a single control loop of a temperature control servo (e.g. a Lakeshore controller). The focalplane is operated several degrees warmer using a separate control servo. This approach requires that the baseplate and focalplane mounting plate each have their own independent temperature sensors and heaters, and that the focalplane be in partial thermal contact with the baseplate. The titanium legs serve as both thermal and mechanical standoffs for the focalplane. The baseplate, whose temperature can be regulated at the 0.1K level, provides a degree of thermal ballast and isolates the focalplane from large scale temperature fluctuations of the cryocooler or the rest of the instrument. It is then possible, using the independent temperature control loop for the focalplane, to regulate the detector temperature at the mK level.

Temperature measurement is carried out using calibrated Lakeshore Cryotronics Cernox sensors. There is a single cernox sensor (model number CX-1080-AA) epoxied into a hole in the center of the moly focalplane mounting plate and a second cernox sensor (model number CX-1050-SD) epoxied onto the backside of the baseplate near one of the temperature connectors. In order to avoid thermal gradients in the baseplate or the focalplane, custom kapton flexheaters were designed with geometries matched to the geometries of the baseplate and focalplane. These heaters were manufactured by Minco Products, and designed to have a resistance of 100 ohms with a power output of 15W and 50W for the focalplane and baseplate respectively (100 ohms is the optimal heater resistance for use with a Lakeshore temperature controller). The heaters and temperature sensors are bonded to the moly focalplane and aluminum baseplate using a special cryogenic epoxy that is thermally conductive and electrically insulating, while remaining mechanically compliant down to 4K (Masterbond EP37-3FLFAO). This epoxy also meets NASA outgassing specifications for use in a high vacuum environment.

There are two identical 15-pin micro-D connectors provided on one of the sides of the baseplate. One connector is connected to the baseplate flexheater and temperature sensor, while the other is connected to the focalplane

flexheater and temperature sensor via a pass-through connector that penetrates the bottom of the baseplate and can be mated to a micro-D connector attached to the focalplane mounting plate. The pinouts of the two temperature connectors are identical.



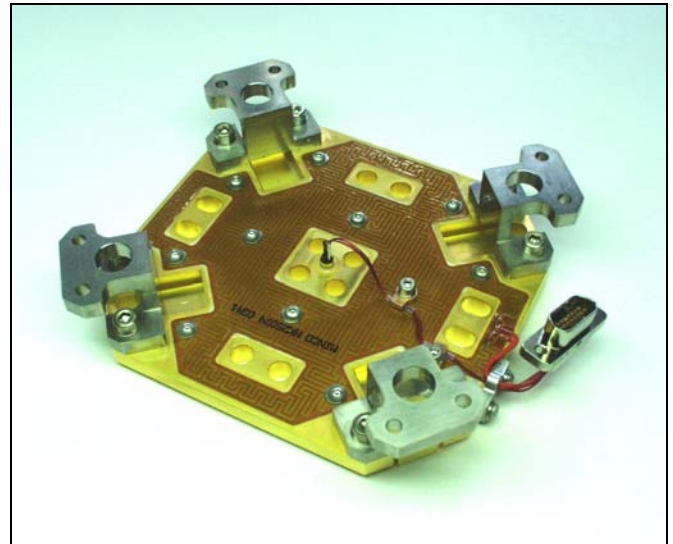
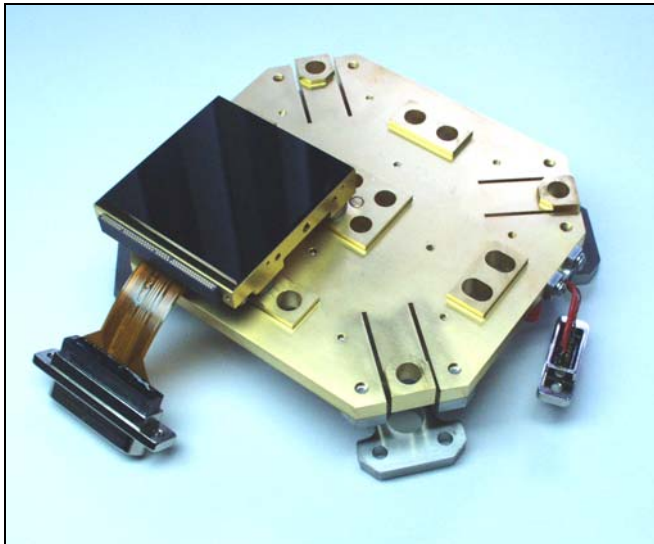
Description of the Individual Components in the Mosaic Module

The mosaic module consists of the parts listed in the table below.

COMPONENT	QTY	MATERIAL	NOTES
H2RG Detectors	4		Supplied by Rockwell Scientific
H2RG PGA-to-37uD Flexcircuits	4		Supplied by Rockwell Scientific
Focalplane Mounting Plate	1	TZM/Molybdenum	Gold Plated
Focalplane Titanium Legs/Standoffs	4	Titanium AL6V4	
Module Baseplate	1	Aluminum	Nickel Plated
Module Cover	1	Aluminum	Nickel and Gold Plated
Focalplane Mask	1	Aluminum	Bead blasted matte and black anodized
Focalplane Locator Pins	4	SS	
Focalplane Kapton Flexheater	1	Kapton/Polyimide	Manufactured by Minco Products
Baseplate Kapton Flexheater	1	Kapton/Polyimide	Manufactured by Minco Products

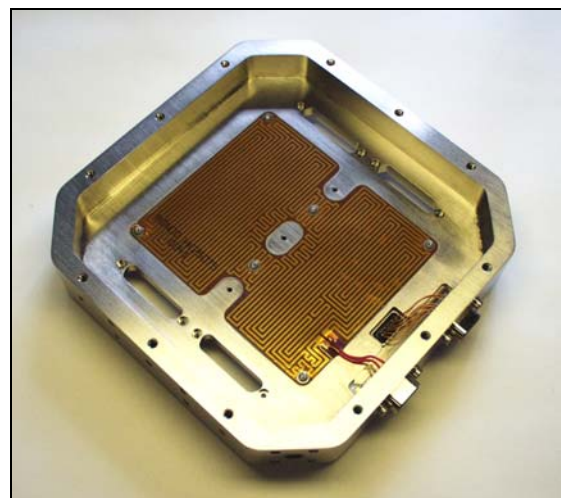
Focalplane Mounting Plate and Titanium Legs/Standoffs

The focalplane mounting plate is manufactured from TZM/molybdenum to match the CTE of the SCA packages. It contains the mounting holes for the H2RG SCA packages (one precision hole, a precision slot and 2 oversize holes) with one of the holes mounted on a flexure to avoid over-constraining the 4-point mount on the SCA package. The plate is ground on all sides and is flat to a precision of ± 5 microns. The manufacturing process includes cryo and heat treating to achieve thermal stability, and the plate is nickel and gold plated. The titanium standoffs are attached under the 4 corners of the plate under the flexures. Access holes are provided to allow installation of Belleville washers and nuts to pull down the SCA packages. The kapton flexheater and temperature sensor are attached to the bottom of this plate and wired to a 15-pin micro-D connector that allows the removal of the focalplane from the baseplate to enable device installation and removal. These features are illustrated in the photos below.

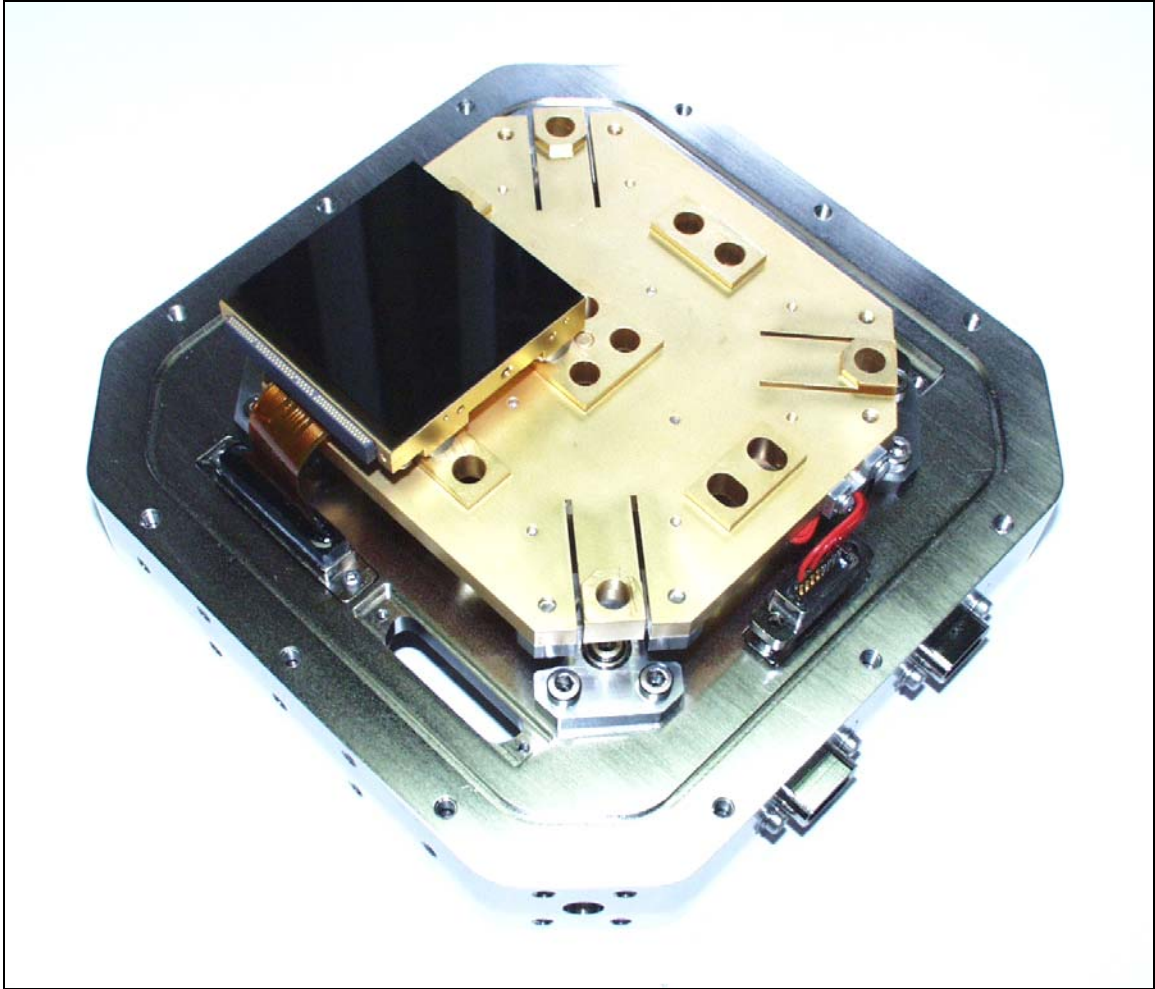


Module Baseplate

The focalplane assembly is mounted on an aluminum baseplate that has been nickel plated. Four SS locator pins set the position of the focalplane assembly.



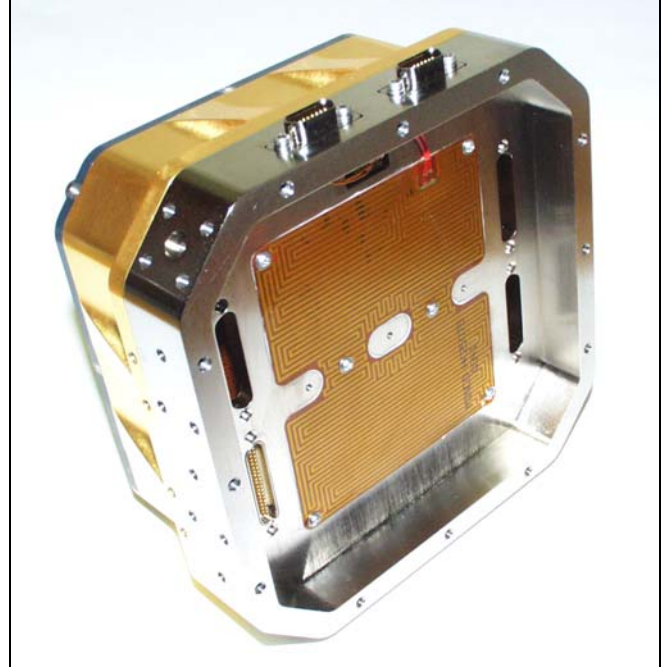
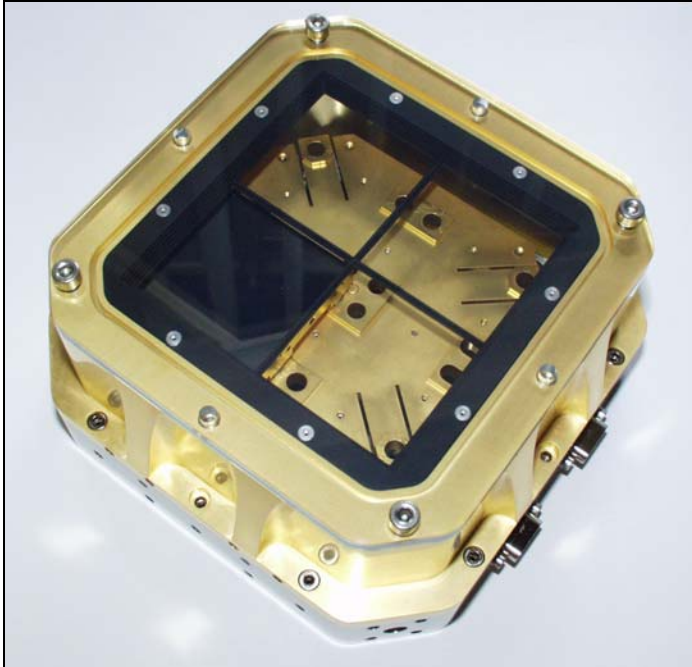
SS helical inserts are used for all tapped holes that will undergo frequent screw insertion and removal. This avoids any damage to the aluminum threads and the generation of particulate contamination. Additional holes provided on the sides and back of the baseplate can serve as alternative mounting points or for the attachment of thermal straps.



Module Cover and Focalplane Mask

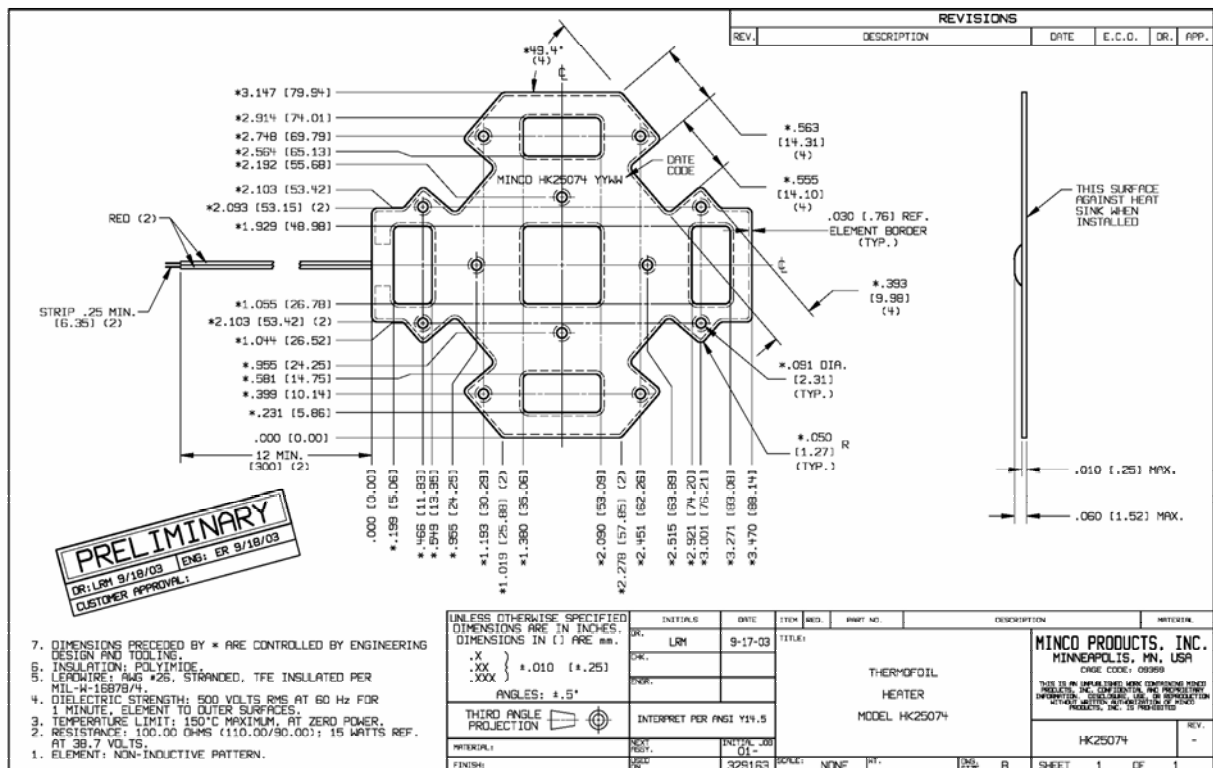
The module cover is manufactured from aluminum that has been nickel and gold plated. This part surrounds and protects the focalplane and provides shielding from unwanted stray light. The cover contains a small tongue that runs around lower base of the cover and mates with a corresponding groove in the baseplate. The cover also contains the mounting recess for the focalplane mask. M4 mounting holes and a groove are provided on the front of the cover should one desire to mount the module from the front and to allow a light-tight baffle to be attached to this surface if desired.

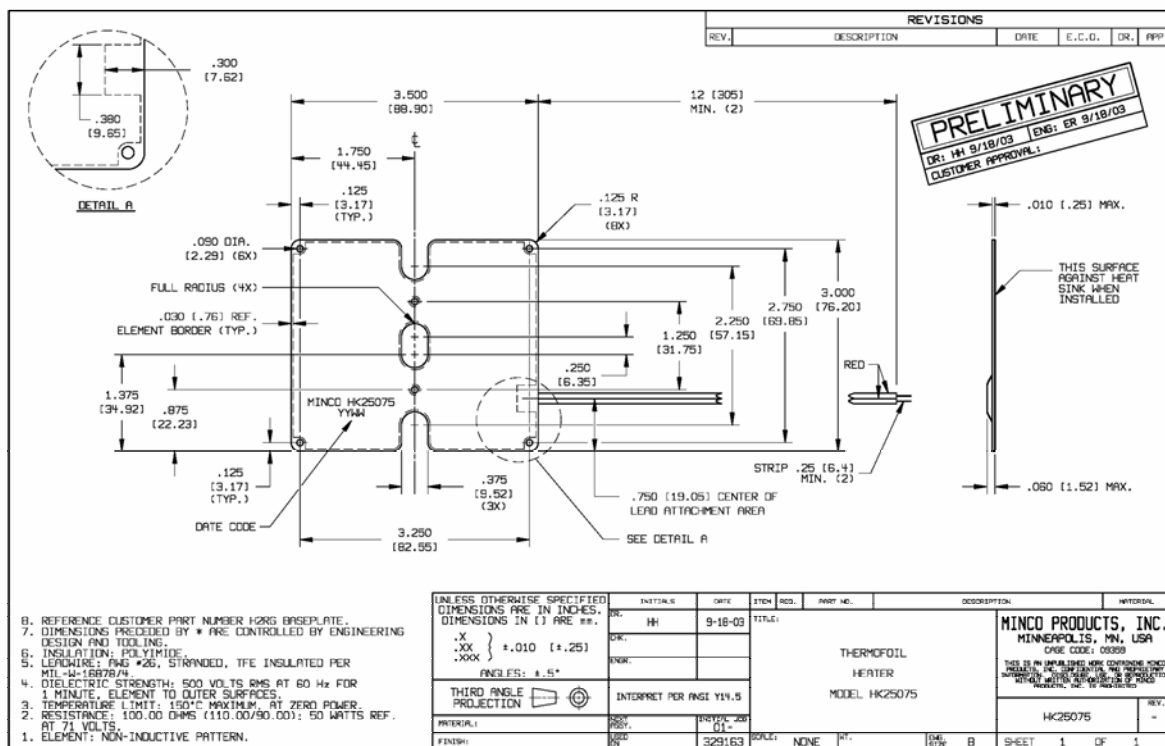
The purpose of the focalplane mask is to shield the highly-reflective surfaces in the focalplane from the incoming light thus avoiding scattering light back into the optical system. Examples of such reflective surfaces include the exposed metal lines on the 1mm periphery of the ROIC that extends beyond the active area of the HgCdTe detector, and the bondpads and bondwires. The mask is made from aluminum that has been bead blasted to a matte finish and black anodized.



Kapton Flexheaters

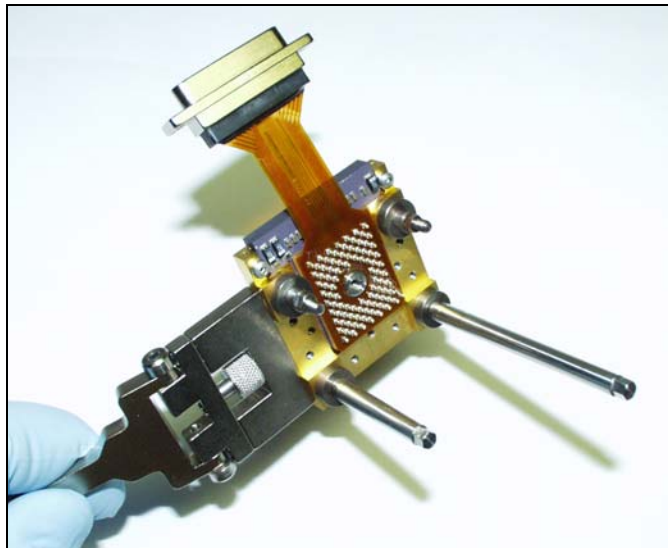
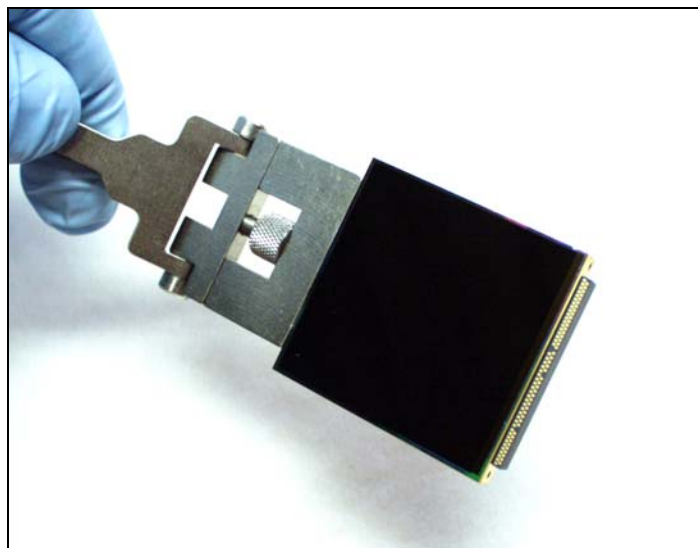
Custom kapton flexheaters were designed to allow spatially uniform heating of the focalplane plate and baseplate. These heaters were manufactured by Minco Products. The focalplane flexheater can provide 15W of heat and presents a 100-ohm load to the temperature controller. The base plate heater can provide 50W of heat and also presents a 100-ohm load to the controller.





Installation of Devices into a Focal Plane Mosaic

Installation of H2RG SCAs can be carried out in a safe and straightforward manner using a combination of simple fixtures. Rockwell Scientific provides a handling fixture to each customer who orders an H2RG. This handling fixture is designed to attach to the H2RG SCA package using the fixture holes provided on the three butttable sides of the device. One attaches the fixture before removing the device from the mounting bracket in the shipping and storage container.



In order to install or remove a device from the module, the focalplane assembly consisting of the focalplane mounting plate and the four titanium legs is detached as a unit from the module baseplate by removing the eight M3 screws and Belleville washers and disconnecting the 15-pin micro-D connector for the focalplane temperature control. The focalplane assembly should then be mounted on a device installation stand as illustrated in the drawing below. Special tapered installation pins have been designed to attach to two of the stud/pins on the SCA. These tapered pins simply screw onto the ends of two of the studs as shown in the photo above and the drawing and photos below. While holding the SCA using the handling fixture, one can easily install the SCA onto the focalplane mounting plate. The longer of the pins should be mounted onto the stud that will insert into the precision hole on the center of the plate, while the shorter pin should mount onto the stud that will insert into the slot. The taper on the pins has been designed so that the pins will fully engage the holes in the plate while the device is still well above than the surface of any neighboring SCA. Once fully engaged, the device being installed can be lowered carefully and cannot crash into any device already in place in the focalplane. Once installed, Belleville washers and 4-40 nuts are attached to the two studs without the pins. The pins are then removed and the washers and nuts are attached to the remaining two studs. The clearance hole in each titanium leg is large enough to allow the use of a nutdriver to attach the nut onto the stud protruding through the flexure in the mounting plate. To remove a device from the focalplane, the procedure is reversed.

