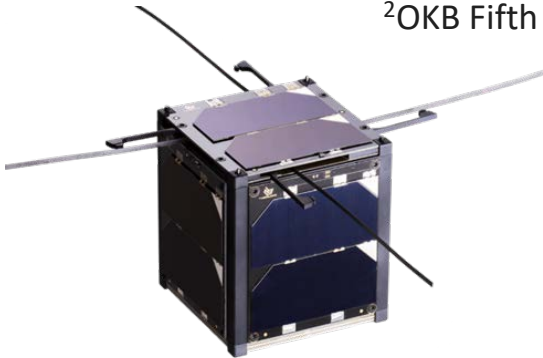


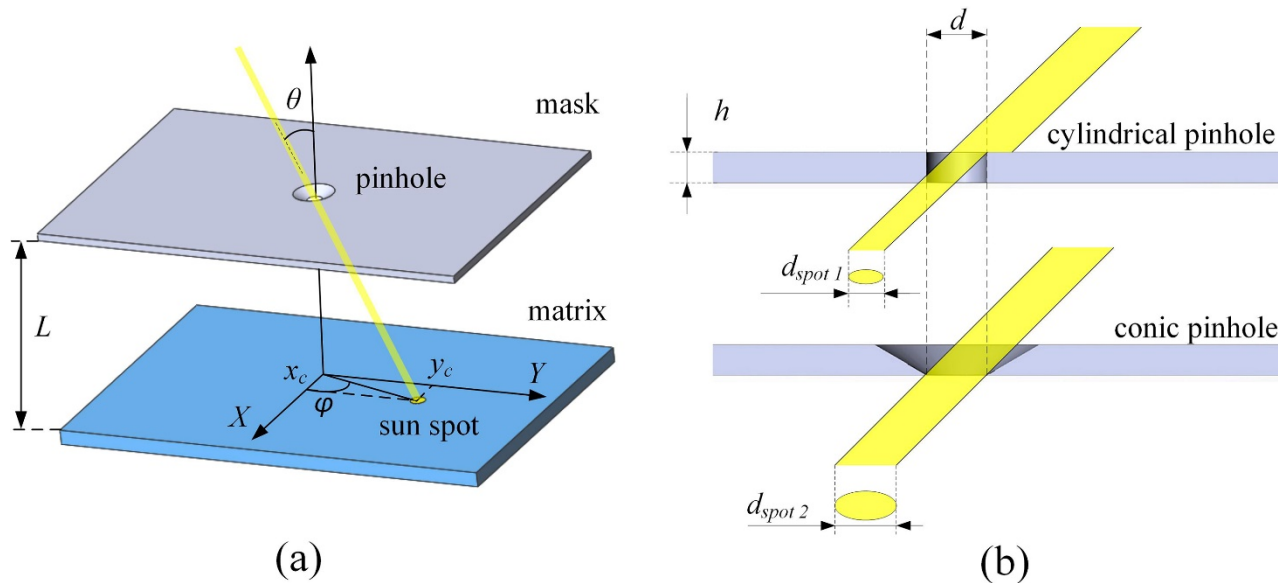
High-precision CubeSat sun sensor coupled with infrared Earth horizon detector

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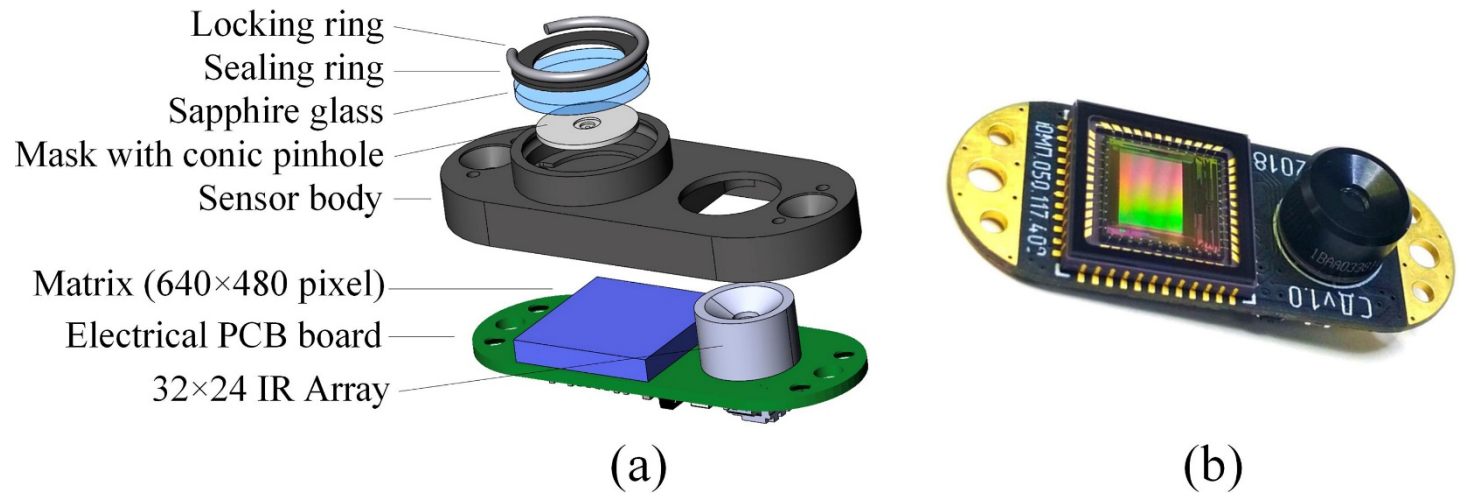
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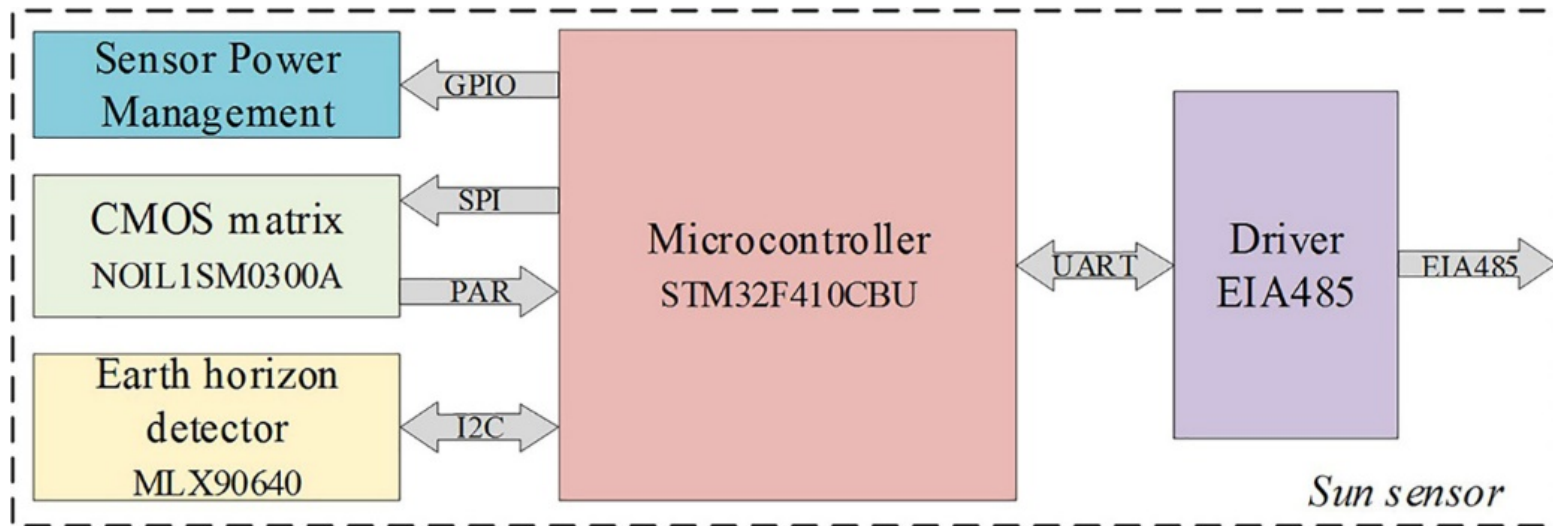




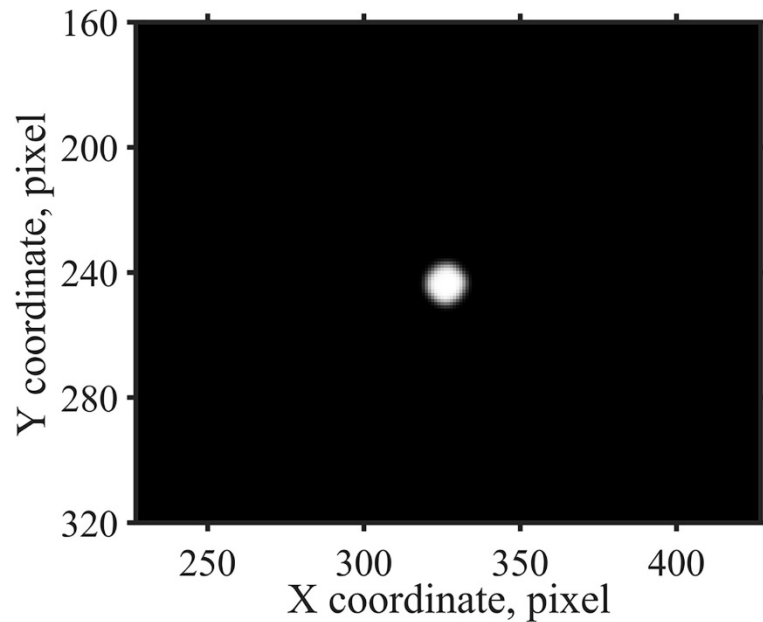
Working principle of the sun sensor. (b) The influence of the shape of the hole in the mask on the formation of a light spot on the matrix.



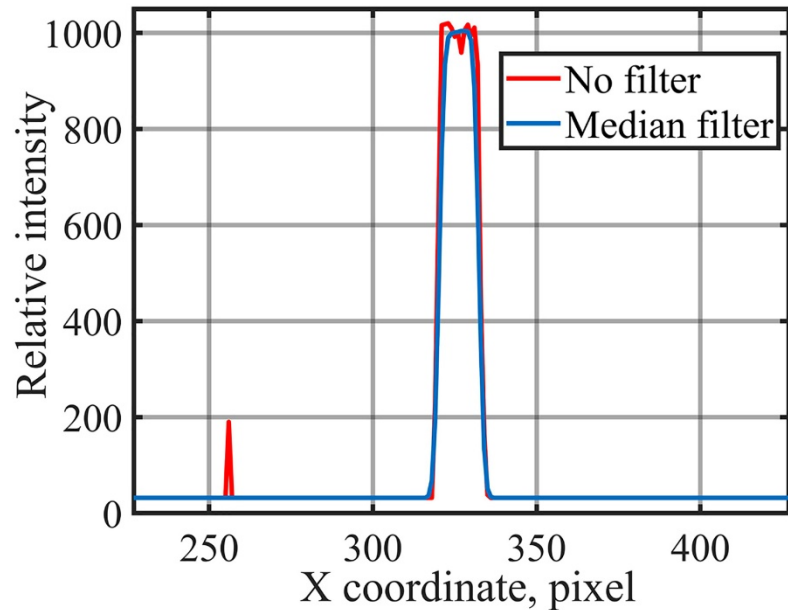
The orientation module design: (a) a 3D model and (b) a photograph of the developed module prototype (without a sensor case).



Functional block diagram of the orientation module.



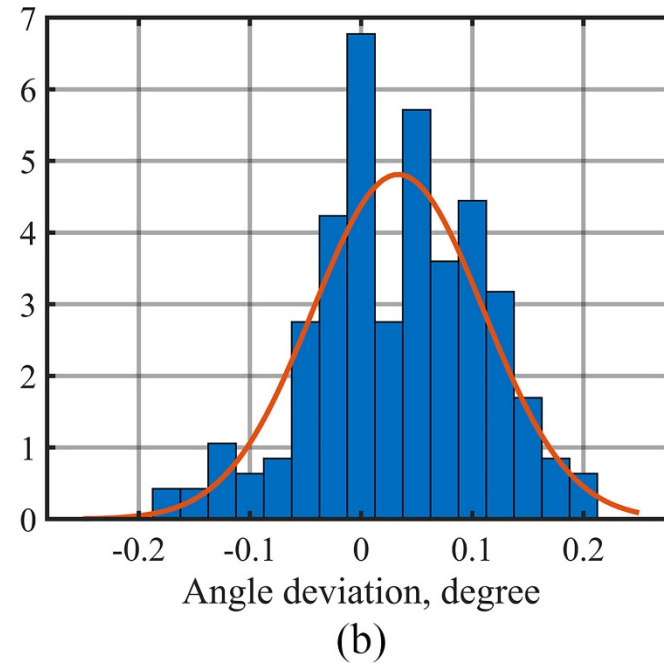
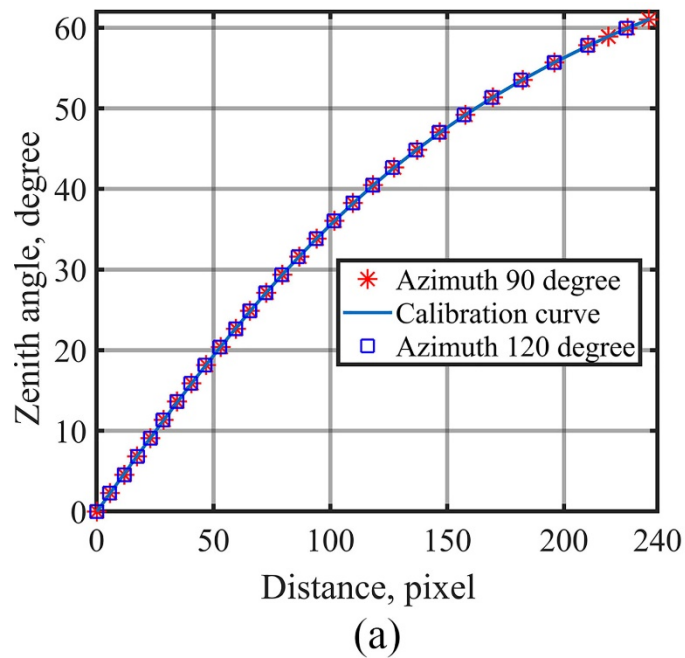
(a)



(b)

Results of image filtering to reduce CMOS matrix noise.

- (a) The processed image from the matrix near the sunspot.
 (b) The relative intensity of pixels depending on the horizontal coordinate X at Y = 244 pixel.



- (a) Calibration function (blue curve), which approximates the measured dependence of the zenith angle θ on the distance R from the center of the sunspot to the origin of the coordinate system of the sun sensor (red asterisks and blue squares).
- (b) Histogram of the deviations of the measured zenith angles θ from the calibration curve and its approximation by the Gauss function.