

64-pixel linear-array Si-APD detector for X-ray time-resolved experiments

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We have developed a silicon avalanche-photodiode (Si-APD) array detector for time-resolved measurements using pulsed synchrotron X-rays. The Si-APD detector had 64 pixels of a linear array, where the pixel size was 100 μm by 200 μm with a 50- μm gap between pixels and a depleted thickness was 10 μm . The detector system was equipped with 64-channel front-end ASICs, FPGAs and SiTCP (a network processor). The prototype system resolved a 10-ns interval of X-ray pulses at a count rate of $> 10^7$ cps per channel. The nanosecond response and the high count-rate property are extremely valuable for time-resolved X-ray diffraction measurements in pulsed synchrotron radiation. If a detector system can resolve a time interval of shorter than 2 ns, the system will be very efficient for recording an intensity- or position-change of X-ray diffraction spots in nanosecond-order period. We are now in progress of test for the 64-channel Si-APD array detector with synchrotron X-ray beam. The detail of the test results will be presented in the workshop.

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