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Silicon avalanche-photodiode linear array detector with multichannel scaling system for pulsed synchrotron X-ray experiments

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We have been developing an X-ray detector system using a 64-pixel silicon avalanche- photodiode (Si-APD) linear array (pixel size: $100 \ \mu\text{m} \times 200 \ \mu\text{m}$) and pulse counting electronics for multichannel scaling (MCS). The Si-APD linear array consists of 64 pixels $100 \times 200 \ \mu\text{m}^2$, with a pixel pitch of 150 μm and a depletion depth of 10 μm . The fast response of Si-APD and the MCS system are used for time-resolved X-ray diffraction and nuclear resonant scattering experiments using pulsed synchrotron X-rays. The detector system can resolve successive X-ray pulses at 2 ns intervals and record the pulse counts with a rate of >10^7 cps per channel and position of X-rays coming to each pixel of the linear array. The time resolution of 1.4 ns (FWHM) was obtained. The electronics consisting of an ultrafast application-specific integrated circuit, field-programmable gate arrays and a network processor was developed for the linear array system. The detector successfully recorded nuclear resonant small-angle scattering on Fe-57 by scanning the detector position.

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