

CSPAD array sensor family

Specifications

The 2D array sensors **CSPAD alpha** and **CSPAD3k** are the latest members of the CSPAD sensor family developed by Fraunhofer IMS. They combine the low-noise CMOS-integrated Single-Photon Avalanche Diodes (CSPADs) with wafer bonding technology and Backside-Illumination (BSI) to achieve single-photon sensitivity with high spatial and temporal resolution.

The main features are:

- Photon **timing** and **counting** mode
- Optional on-chip spherical microlens array (MLA)
- Adaptive **background light suppression** by variable coincidence
- **In-pixel** time-to-digital converters (TDC) with continuous monitoring

Technology

- 0.35 μm CMOS
- Backside-Illumination
- 3D-Integration
- Wafer-to-Wafer Bonding

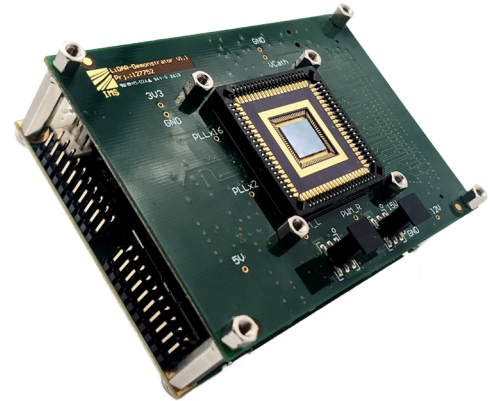
Sensors

	Value	Unit
Chip dimensions	10250 x 9200	μm
Array size	8320 x 6240	μm
Pixel size	130 x 130	μm
Resolution CSPAD alpha	Counting mode 64 x 48 Timing mode 32 x 24	px px
Resolution CSPAD3k	Counting mode 64 x 48 Timing mode 64 x 48	px px
SPADs per pixel	4	SPAD
SPAD diameter	14	μm
Fill factor	without MLA 3.7 with MLA 25	% %
Framerate CSPAD alpha	26	kHz
Framerate CSPAD3k	13	kHz

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Easy handling of our sensors allows our evaluation board solution to use a 12 V power supply, providing plug-and-play functionality. The sensors are connected via USB 2.0 by a LabView application file, which provides insight into pixel histograms, allows changing modes, and visualizes the data in different plots. Two delayable trigger signals are provided to control light emitters. The required interface information is also available for custom setup.

Single SPAD

	Value	Unit
Breakdown voltage	23	V
Operation voltage	30	V
Photon detection probability	@ 500 nm 15 @ 905 nm 2	%
Dead time	20	ns
Dark count rate	6.5-65	Hz/ μm^2

TDC

	Value	Unit
Temporal resolution	< 420	ps
Full scale range	1.28	μs
Raw data length	13	Bit

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