

SPCM-AQRH-XX-TR

Timing Resolution Optimized Single Photon Counting Module



Key Features

- Timing resolution <250ps
- Peak photon detection efficiency (PDE) @ 650 nm: 75% typical
- Active area: 180 μm
- Gated output
- Single +5 V supply
- RoHS-compliant
- Linearity over high count rate

Applications

- Time correlated single photon counting
- Fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy
- Ultra-sensitive fluorescence lifetime measurements
- Quantum Cryptography
- Photon correlation spectroscopy
- Optical range finding
- Particle sizing
- Adaptive Optics

Excelitas Technologies' SPCM-AQRH-XX-TR is a Single Photon Counting Module of the most recent product generation, specifically selected and performance-optimized for timing resolution.

The SPCM-AQRH-XX-TR uses a specially selected SLiK silicon avalanche photodiode with timing resolution better than 250 ps while maintaining peak photon detection efficiency (PDE) of more than 75% at 650 nm over a 180 μm diameter active area. While some performance parameters, in particular afterpulse probability, are traded off against the optimized timing performance, other performance parameters of the standard SPCM-AQRH, such as outstanding uniformity, overload protection, temperature stability and linearity, are still maintained by this new timing-optimized module.

This family of -TR modules is designed to support applications in time correlated single photon counting (TCSPC), fluorescence lifetime measurements and fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy (FLIM).

Excelitas' series of photon counting modules are designed and built to be fully compliant with the European Union Directive 2011/65/EU – Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic equipment (RoHS).

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Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Active area (diameter) at minimum PDE	170	180		μm
Photon detection efficiency (PDE) (without FC adaptor) ⁽²⁾ at: 650 nm 830 nm		75 50		% %
Dark Count SPCM-AQRH-W0 SPCM-AQRH-W1 SPCM-AQRH-W2 SPCM-AQRH-W3 SPCM-AQRH-W4			1500 1000 500 250 100	Counts / second
Single photon timing resolution (at 825 nm) ^(2,3) Contact factory for optimized timing below 200 ps and at other wavelengths		225	250	ps
Output pulse width ⁽⁹⁾ SPCM-AQRH-1X, SPCM-AQRH-4X SPCM-AQRH-2X, SPCM-AQRH-5X SPCM-AQRH-3X, SPCM-AQRH-6X See table 3.		10 18 28		ns ns ns
Dead time (count rate below 5M/c) SPCM-AQRH-1X, SPCM-AQRH-4X SPCM-AQRH-2X, SPCM-AQRH-5X SPCM-AQRH-3X, SPCM-AQRH-6X See table 3.		22 28 35		ns ns ns
Output pulse amplitude: SPCM-AQRH-1X, SPCM-AQRH-2X, SPCM-AQRH-3X TTL HIGH TTL LOW See table 3.	1.5 -0.1	2.2	0.8	V V
SPCM-AQRH-4X, SPCM-AQRH-5X, SPCM-AQRH-6X TTL HIGH TTL LOW See table 3.	3.0 -0.1	4.4	0.8	V V
Linearity correction factor at 200 Kc/s 1 Mc/s 5 Mc/s 10 Mc/s		1 1.02 1.16 1.40		
Afterpulsing probability		1.0	3.0	%

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Table 2. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Supply voltage ⁽¹⁾	5.5 V
Maximum count rate	Maximum count rate can be sustained if case temperature is maintained within specified limits.
Peak light intensity	10 ⁴ photons per pulse and pulse width < 1 ns
Case temperature ⁽³⁾	-20°C/+70°C storage, +5°C /+70°C operating

Table 3. SPCM Ordering Guide

Order Part#	W - Output Pulse Options			X - Dark Count Rates				
WX-YY	Output Pulse Width (ns)	Dead Time (ns)	Output Pulse Height (V)	-W0	-W1	-W2	-W3	-W4
SPCM-AQRH-1X-TR	10	22	2.2	≤1500 cps	≤1000 cps	≤500 cps	≤250 cps	≤100 cps
SPCM-AQRH-2X-TR	18	28	2.2	≤1500 cps	≤1000 cps	≤500 cps	≤250 cps	≤100 cps
SPCM-AQRH-3X-TR	28	35	2.2	≤1500 cps	≤1000 cps	≤500 cps	≤250 cps	≤100 cps
SPCM-AQRH-4X-TR	10	22	4.4	≤1500 cps	≤1000 cps	≤500 cps	≤250 cps	≤100 cps
SPCM-AQRH-5X-TR	18	28	4.4	≤1500 cps	≤1000 cps	≤500 cps	≤250 cps	≤100 cps
SPCM-AQRH-6X-TR	28	35	4.4	≤1500 cps	≤1000 cps	≤500 cps	≤250 cps	≤100 cps

Example: SPCM-AQRH-43-TR = 10ns output pulse width, 22ns dead time, 4.4V output pulse height

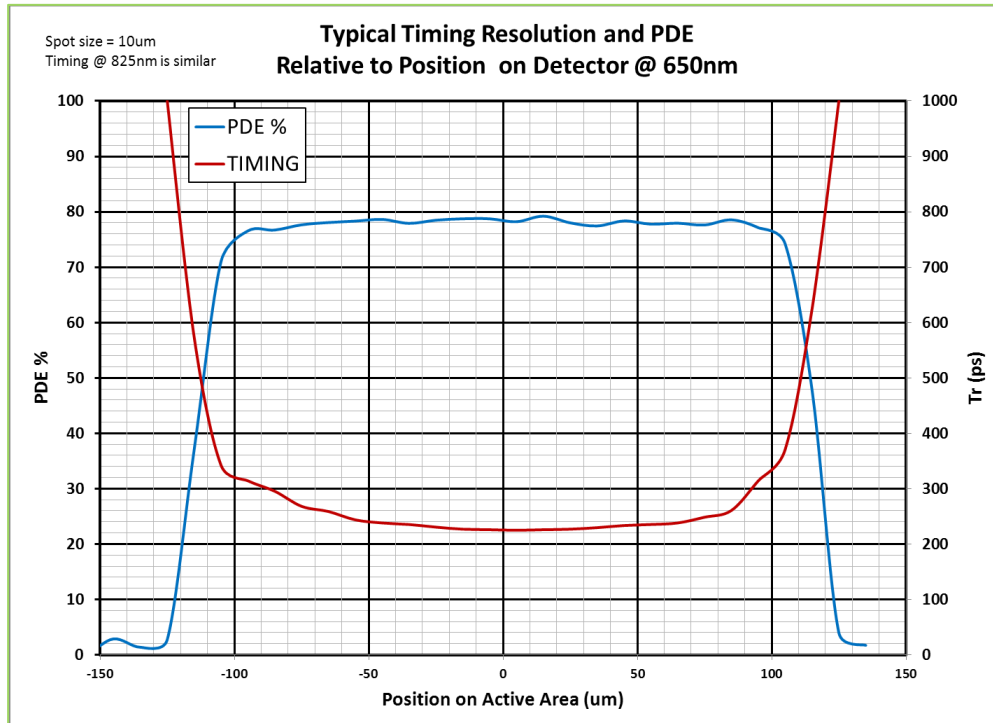


Figure 1: Typical timing resolution & PDE relative to position of detector chip @ 650 nm

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Warranty

A standard 12-month warranty following shipment applies. Any warranty is null and void if the module case has been opened. Warranty is null and void if the module input exceeds 5.5V or the polarity of the +5V supply is reversed.

Individual Module Test Data

Each module is supplied with test data indicating the module's actual dark count, dead time, pulse width, photon detection efficiency @ 630 nm, timing resolution, and linearity correction factor.

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