

PCR Sensor

Multispectral Sensor for Point-of-Care Testing

Point-of-care (POC) molecular diagnostics is transforming medicine by bringing sophisticated diagnostic testing to the patient, underscoring the need for compact optical detection technologies. The PCR Sensor fits the bill. This highly integrated multispectral sensor reduces the complexity, footprint and cost of POC instrumentation, collecting data only at the wavelength bands of most interest for the application. It allows optical designers ultimate flexibility in spectral detection, from the choice of optical filter bands to the number of channels, package type, and electronics.



On-chip Coating Technology Maximizes Sensor Efficiency

Unlike most multiple-wavelength sensors, the PCR Sensor uses micro-patterned optical filters that are deposited at the wafer level onto the surface of active photodiodes, which are then diced and recombined in a two-dimensional array. The specific photodiodes are chosen to detect the desired set of spectral bands corresponding to a specific POC diagnostic test or assay chemistry. Up to 8 detector elements (channels) may be accommodated in the small 9 mm x 9 mm LCC package.

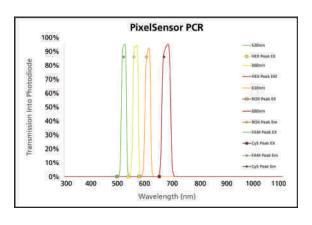


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Key Features

- Compact, robust sensor for POC testing at patient bedside, medical facilities and mobile labs
- Ideal for quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) testing
- Up to 8 sensor arrays in a 9 mm x 9 mm footprint
- 20-pin LCC package for surface or socket mounting
- Evaluation kit with electronics board, software and sampling optics



Photodiode Performance Characteristics

Characteristic	Symbol	Test	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit
Dark current	I _D	$V_R = 10V$		2	8	nA
Shunt resistance	R _{SH}	$V_R = 10 \text{mV}$		100		ΜΩ
Junction capacity	C _J	$V_{R} = 0V, f=100kHz$ $V_{R} = 50V, f=100kHz$		6 0.6	7 0.7	pF
Spectral range	λ_{range}	Spot scan	400		1100	nm
Breakdown voltage	V_{BR}	Ι = 10μΑ		75		V
Noise equivalent power	NEP	$V_R = 5V @ \lambda = peak$		5x10 ⁻¹⁴		W/√Hz
Response time	T _r	$RL = 50\Omega$, $V_R = 50V$		6.0		ns
Absolute maximum rating						
Reverse voltage	V_{BR}			75		V
Operating temperature	T _O		-40		+80	°C

PCR Filter Usable Dyes

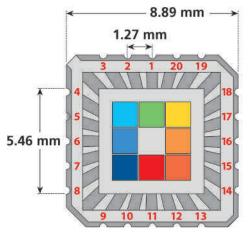
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Channel	Fluorophore	Excitation (nm)	Emission (nm)	
Green	FAM	494	518	
	FITC (Fluorescein)	489	517	
	Alexa Fluor 488	496	519	
Yellow	JOE	520	548	
	VIC	538	554	
	HEX	535	556	
	TET	521	536	
	CAL Fluor Orange 560	538	559	
Orange/Red	ROX	575	602	
	Cy 3.5	578	591	
	Alexa Flour 568	578	603	
Deep Red	Cy5	649	666	
	Quasar 670	647	670	
	Alexa Flour 633	632	647	

LCC Sensor

Spectral filters	Standard and custom 10-100 nm FWHM
Photodiodes	Si, 1.0 x 0.8 mm
Package	LCC 20

OEM Board

Integration time	1-1024 ms		
Gain reference	20–5120 nA		
Interface	USB 2.0		
Protocol	HID-compliant		
Software	Si, 1.0 x 0.8 mm		
Package	Windows 32-/64-bit compatible		





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