

PILATUS **2M**

**Ultimate speed and
data quality for small-angle
X-ray scattering**



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The PILATUS 2M detector is perfectly suited for modern small-angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) and macromolecular crystallography (MX) beamlines, which require fast detectors with very high dynamic range.

It is based on the newly developed CMOS hybrid-pixel technology and operates in single-photon-counting mode. With its large active area, high dynamic range, high frame rate, the PILATUS 2M is ideally suited for SAXS.

The detector system operates at room temperature, with a cooling unit for temperature stabilization. It comes as a complete system with detector, water cooler, a high-end server to cope with the high data transfer rates and the data acquisition and analysis software package TVX.

The PILATUS 2M is delivered fully calibrated and ready to use.



PILATUS 2M prototype at the X12SA coherent small-angle X-ray scattering beamline, SLS

Applications

- X-ray diffraction (XRD)
- Small-angle scattering (SAXS)
- Macromolecular crystallography (MX)

Key features

- Direct detection of X-rays in single-photon-counting mode
- Radiation-tolerant design
- High dynamic range
- Short readout time
- High frame rates
- High counting rates
- No dark current or readout noise
- Adjustable threshold to suppress fluorescence
- Excellent point-spread function
- Electronically gateable
- Shutterless operation

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Technical specifications

Number of modules	3 x 8 = 24
Sensor	Reverse-biased silicon diode array
Sensor thickness	320 μm
Pixel size	172 x 172 μm^2
Format	1475 x 1679 = 2,476,525 pixels
Area	254 x 289 mm^2
Intermodule gap	x: 7 pixels, y: 17 pixels, 8.0% of total area
Dynamic range	20 bits (1:1,048,576)
Counting rate per pixel	$> 2 \times 10^6$ X-ray/s
Energy range	3 – 30 keV
Quantum efficiency (calculated)	3 keV: 80% 8 keV: 99% 15 keV: 55%
Energy resolution	500 eV
Adjustable threshold range	2 – 20 keV
Threshold dispersion	50 eV
Readout time	3.6 ms
Framing rate	30 Hz
Point-spread function	1 pixel
Data formats	Raw data, TIF, EDF, CBF
External trigger/gate	5V TTL, 3 different modes
Software interface	Through socket connection; clients for EPICS, SPEC and stand-alone operation are available
Cooling	Close-circuit water cooling unit for temperature stabilization
Power consumption	200 W
Dimensions (WHD)	384 x 424 x 458 mm
Weight	42 kg