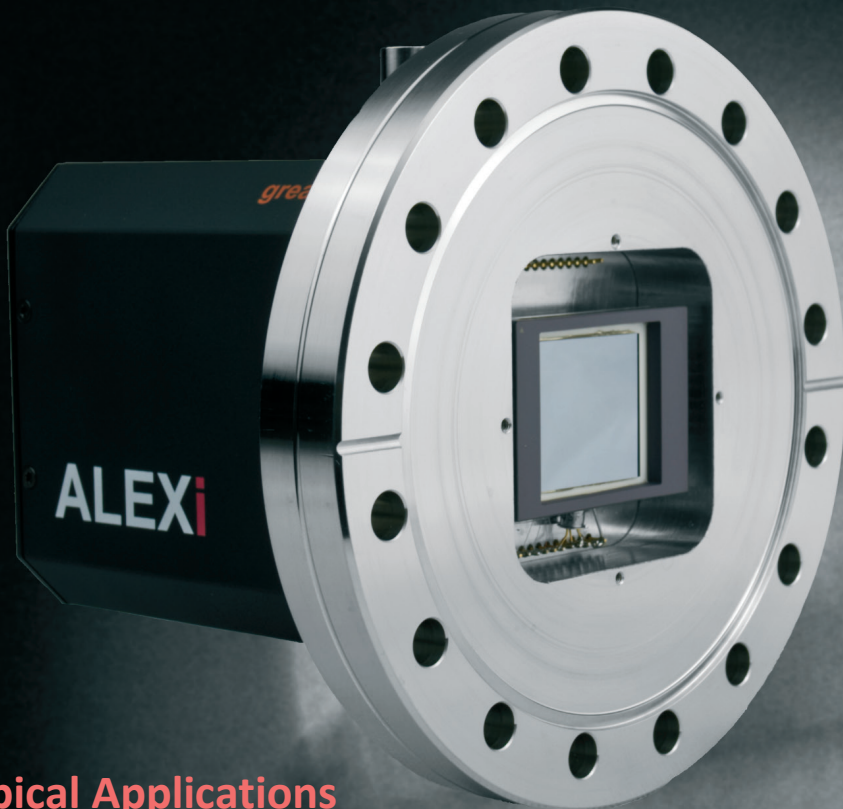# ALEX-i

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UP TO
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Full-Frame Deep Cooling Scientific CCD Camera for Imaging Applications
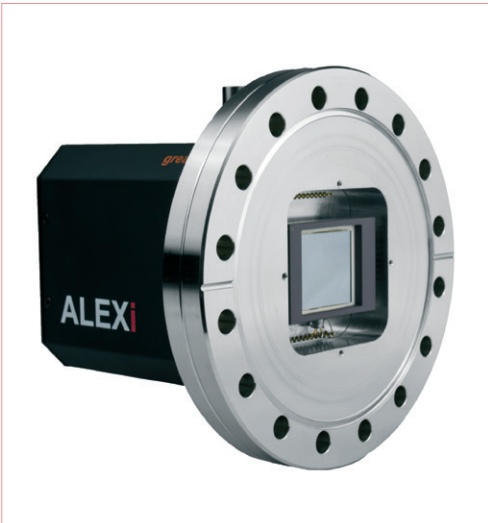
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Typical Applications

EUV Lithography

X-Ray Tomography

Fourier Transform Holography

X-Ray Fluoroscopy

Coherent Diffraction Imaging

Ptychographic Spectromicroscopy

Grazing-Incidence Small-Angle X-Ray Scattering

Key Specifications

High Quantum Efficiency

Ultra Deep Cooling down to -100 °C

18-bit Dynamic Range

Multi-MHz Readout

Compact Design

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BERLIN IS UNIQUE FOR ITS CHARACTER AND SO IS ALEX

Straight out of Berlin comes ALEX, greateyes' new platform for your spectroscopy applications in the VUV, EUV, soft and hard X-Ray range. ALEX integrates cutting-edge low-noise electronics and ultra-deep cooling technology while keeping a compact camera design. Multiple readout speeds can be selected supporting pixel rates from 50 kHz up to 5 MHz. True 18-bit AD conversion allows to exploit the full dynamic range of the CCD sensor for highest performance and SNR. ALEX is ideally suited for detection of very weak signal intensities where a low-noise floor is paramount. ALEX offers unprecedented possibilities for your measurements of tomorrow. The nanoscopic soft X-ray image of a diatom on the front page was made by the group for Imaging and Coherent X-rays of Max Born Institute in collaboration with the X-ray microscopy division of Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin (BESSY).

Features & Benefits

- **Ultra deep TE cooling down to -100 °C**
  lowest dark current for better detection limit

- **GigE & USB 3.0 data interface**
  local or remote network operation – your choice!

- **Fast readout speeds up to 5 MHz**
  fast frame rates paired with low-noise electronics

- **High QE up to 98%**
  very sensitive sensors for low light applications

- **User selectable gain**
  balance your detector for best SNR and dynamic range

- **Flexible software options**
 camera software and SDKs available

Common specifications

Pixel readout frequency	50 kHz, 250 kHz, 1 MHz, 3 MHz (5 MHz for visualization mode; up to 20 MHz with multi-output)
Readout modes	2 output nodes for 1k1k & 2k2k cameras, 4 output nodes for 2k2k plus & 4k4k cameras
AD converter resolution	18-bit
Linearity	Better than 99%
CCD epitaxial thickness	15 µm standard, 40 µm for deep depletion (DD) models
Flange types	ISO-F DN63, knife-edge sealed CF DN63, CF DN100, CF DN160
Vacuum compatibility	With CF flange: 10^{-10} mbar (UHV capability)
Bakeout temperature	Max. +80 °C
Flange - focal plane	1k1k camera with CF DN63: 6 mm; 2k2k with CF DN63: 5 mm; 2k2k plus & 4k4k cameras with CF DN160: -27 mm (all disctance can be customised)
Temperature monitoring	Two thermistors at CCD sensor and thermoelectric cooler (hot side)
Data link	Gigabit Ethernet, USB 3.0
Software	greateyes Vision software for Windows 7 / 10
SDK and drivers	DLL for Windows; LabVIEW, EPICS, Linux, Python, Tango driver (optional)
TTL interface signals	Sync out, shutter out, 2 external trigger in
Operating conditions	Temperature: 0°C to 35°C ambient, relative humidity <80% (non-condensing)
Power supply	1k1k & 2k2k: 80-264 VAC (typ. 115/230), 47-63 Hz (typ. 50/60), max. 1.1 A (230 V) / 1.9 A (115 V) 2k2k plus & 4k4k: 85-264 VAC (typ. 115/230), 47-63 Hz (typ. 50/60), max. 1.9 A (230 V) / 3.8 A (115 V)
Certification	CE
Dimensions	8.3 cm (3.27″) × 10.0 cm (3.94″) × 10.9 cm (4.29″) (W × H × L, 1k1k & 2k2k camera body) 13.7 cm (5.39″) × 13.7 cm (5.39″) × 13.3 cm (5.24″) (W × H × L, 2k2k plus & 4k4k camera body)
Weight	2.9 kg (1k1k & 2k2k, CF DN63) / 4.3 kg (1k1k & 2k2k, CF DN 100) / 12.5kg (4k4k, CF DN160)

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🐻 The Berlin TV Tower (the tallest building in Germany) and the ALEX square below it are symbols of Berlin and beloved by Berliners.
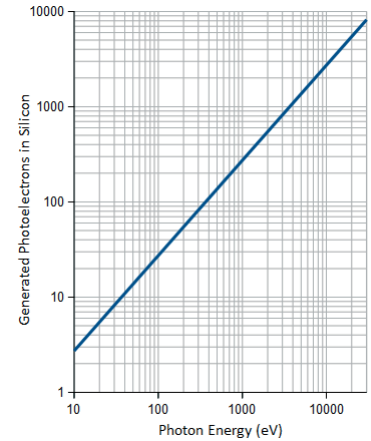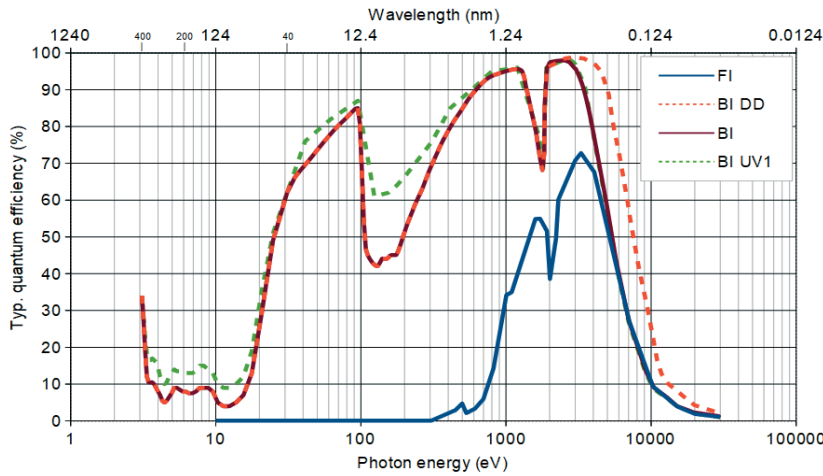
The mean energy of a photon to generate an electron-hole pair in silicon is 3.66 eV.

Step 1: Choose your camera model

ALEX-i Series	ALEX-i 1k1k		ALEX-i 2k2k		ALEX-i 2k2k plus	ALEX-i 4k4k	
Sensor code	**FI BI BI UV1**	**BI DD**	**FI BI**	**BI DD BI UV1**	**BI**	**BI**	**BI DD BI UV1**
Usable pixels (columns × rows)	1024 × 1024 (FI) 1056 × 1027 (others)		2048 × 2052		2048 × 2064	4096 × 4112	
Active image area	13.3 mm × 13.3 mm		27.6 mm × 27.6 mm		30.7 mm × 30.7 mm	61.4 mm × 61.4 mm	
Pixel size	13 µm × 13 µm		13.5 µm × 13.5 µm		15 µm × 15 µm	15 µm × 15 µm	
CCD sensor cooling	-100 °C to 20 °C		-90°C to 20 °C		-90°C to 20 °C	-90°C to 20 °C	
Full well capacity	100 ke⁻	120 ke⁻	100 ke⁻	150 ke⁻	150 ke⁻	150 ke⁻	350 ke⁻
Register well / Output node	400 ke⁻ / -		400 ke⁻ / -	600 ke⁻ / -	- / 900 ke⁻	- / 900 ke⁻	- / 600 ke⁻
Typ. read noise (e⁻) @ 50 kHz @ 1 MHz @ 3 MHz	2.8 6.4 10.9		3.4 7.0 13.6		4.6 8.5 17.0	4.6 8.5 17.0	2.8 5.8 10.4
Dark current (e⁻/pixel/s)	@ -100 °C 0.00015	0.0005	@ -90 °C 0.0001	0.001	@ -90 °C 0.00008	@ -90 °C 0.00008	0.0006
Gain (counts/e⁻): Standard mode High capacity mode	1 -		1 0.34		0.6 0.2	0.6 0.2	1 0.34
CCD sensor type	Front-illuminated (FI), back-illuminated (BI), deep depletion fringe suppression (DD), enhanced back-illuminated (BI UV1)						
Blemish specifications	Grade 0 or grade 1 (standard) as specified by sensor manufacturer. For more information, please see: https://www.greateyes.de/en/glossar.html						

Step 2: Select interface vacuum flange

Order code	Description
CF1	Knife-edge sealed CF DN63 flange with threaded holes (only for 1k1k or 2k2k)
CF2	Knife-edge sealed CF DN100 flange with through holes (only for 1k1k or 2k2k)
CF3	Knife-edge sealed CF DN160 flange with through holes
CF4	Rotatable, knife-edge sealed CF DN100 flange with through holes (only for 1k1k or 2k2k)

We also provide quick release, rotatable and other flanges of various sizes, please let us know your requirement.

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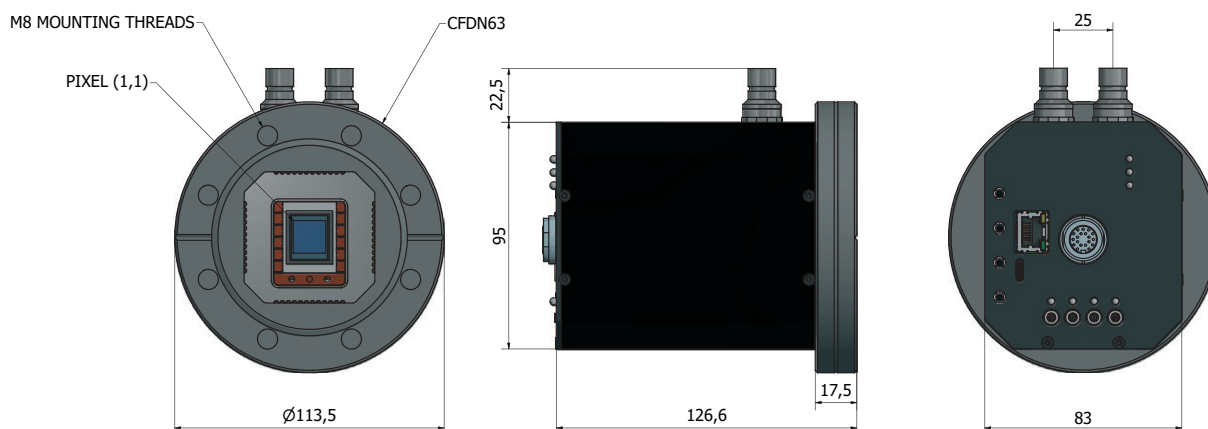**greateyes**

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Step 3: Choose your accessories and software

Order code	Description
A) Accessories for imaging purposes	
GE-SR25	25mm shutter for 1k1k camera, including shutter driver module
GE-SR45	45mm shutter for 2k2k & 2k2k plus cameras, including shutter driver module
GE-AE01	Additional CF DN63 flange with a window of Beryllium, MgF2, UVFS or other materials, can be sealed with the camera flange, with a port for external vacuum pump, enables ALEX to be used in air independently
B) Accessories for enhanced cooling performance	
GE-CR01	Compact liquid cooling, circulating the coolant at room temperature for deep camera cooling
GE-CR02	Recirculating water chiller, PID control with temp. from -5°C to 30°C for ultra-deep camera cooling
C) Software development kit (SDK) and drivers	
GE-LX01	SDK for Linux (C/C++ based)
GE-PYT01	Python driver
GE-LAB01	LabVIEW driver
GE-EP	EPICS driver
GE-TAN	Tango driver

Step 4: Flexible customisation service

With direct and fast response, we provide various customisations and OEM services. For example, other sensor types, the alteration of sensor position/tilt, the modification of camera housing or cooling system, etc. Let us know what **ALEX** you require.

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M8 MOUNTING THREADS — CFDN63
PIXEL (1,1)
22,5
95
Ø113,5
126,6
17,5
25
83

*Only valid for ALEX-i 1k1k and ALEX-i 2k2k cameras. For other drawings, please send us an enquiry.

Items included with your camera

GE-VI01	greateyes Vision software suite for Windows
GE-SDK01	SDK for Windows (C/C++ based)
GE-USB3m3	3m USB 3.0 cable type A to type C
GE-GigE10m	10m Ethernet cable
GE-StoB2m	2m SMB to BNC connection cable × 2
GE-POW01	Camera power supply with cabling
GE-ManCam	Camera instruction manual

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