MicroTime 100



Upright Time-Resolved Confocal Fluorescence Microscope

- Complete microscope with laser coupling module
- Laser wavelengths from 375 nm to 810 nm
- Multiple detector options
- Upright microscope base
- XY-scanning Piezo stage for 2D-lifetime imaging
- Wide range scanner with a scan range up to several cm (on special request)



Applications

- Lifetime mapping
- Time-resolved microscopy in biology and chemistry
- Semiconductor wafer testing and analysis
- Materials research
- Cell biology and Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging (FLIM)
- Fluorescence Correlation Spectroscopy (FCS)

The time-resolved microscope MicroTime 100 contains the complete optics and electronics for recording fluorescence decays in small volumes by means of Time-Correlated Single Photon Counting (TCSPC). The system is based on a conventional upright microscope body. With the MicroTime 100, decay times down to some picoseconds can be resolved. The system allows operation at laser repetition rates as high as 84 MHz and count rates up to several million counts/sec.

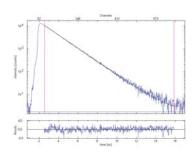
A laser coupling module with sophisticated beam shaping and focusing optics allows the use of external pulsed diode lasers. The system is designed to be used with the picosecond diode lasers of the LDH Series. Standard dichroic filter blocks are utilized to guide the light onto the sample and to filter out the fluorescence light. Standard PMT modules or SPAD detectors can be provided in a single or dual channel detector configuration. All data acquisition as well as analysis functions of the MicroTime 100 are controlled by the SymPhoTime software.

Further available is an inverse microscope, the MicroTime 200, with up to 4 detection channels for simultaneous detection of either polarization anisotropy or multicolor experiments.

Measurement Example



Fluorescence lifetime image of a young pome of pyrus malus, 8 × 8 mm, excitation at 470 nm with LDH picosecond diode laser, detected emission > 500 nm, 40x objective, 300 × 300 pixel



Time-resolved fluorescence lifetime measurement of Cy5 in Ethylene Glycol on a glass substrate. Excitation at 635 nm with LDH picosecond diode laser, 20 MHz repetition rate. The plot shows the sample decay (blue) and the fitted decay (black). The recovered fluorescence lifetime is 1.5 ns.

Options

High precision piezo scanning table, wide range scanner with centimeter scanning range

Specifications

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Excitation Sources Picosecond diode laser wavelengths 375 - 900 nm Repetition rate
Detectors Type PMT (PMA Series) SPAD (PDM Series) SPAD (SPCM-AQRH) Spectral range ¹⁾ 185 - 700 nm 185 - 820 nm 400 - 1000 nm 400 - 1000 nm Dark counts (at 20 °C, typ. value) < 50 cps
Data Acquisition Type PicoHarp 300 TimeHarp 260 PICO TimeHarp 260 NANO Time resolution (bin width) 4 ps. 25 ps. 1 ns Dead time < 95 ns
Scanning (optional) Type high precision Range 80 × 80 µm Positioning accuracy < 10 nm
Operation & Electrical PC requirements
Dimensions Microscope unit
1) other detectors and cooling available upon request 2) IRF $@$ λ = 650 nm

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