



# PZ-FLIM-110 Piezo Scanning FLIM System

## Based on bh's Megapixel FLIM Technology

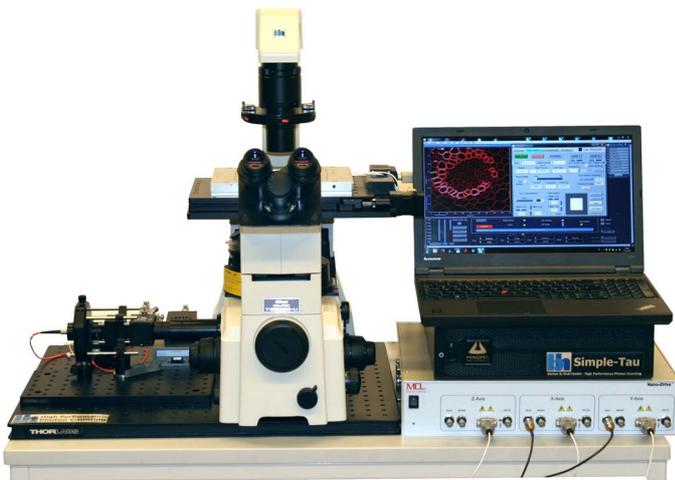
Complete FLIM Microscopes  
FLIM Upgrades for Existing Microscopes

Multidimensional TCSPC technique

Sample Scanning by Piezo Stage

Compact Electronics, Controlled by Laptop Computer

Fully Integrated Scanner Control



Confocal detection

Suppression of out-of-focus light

Suppression of lateral scattering

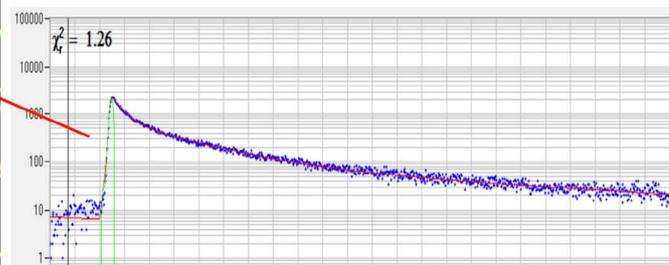
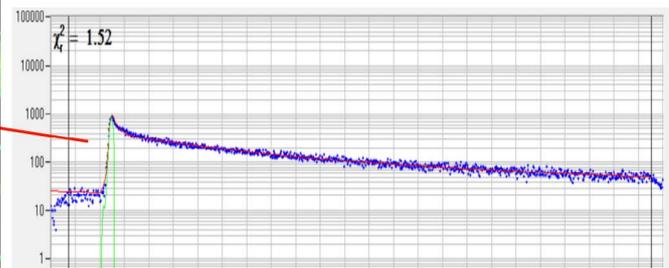
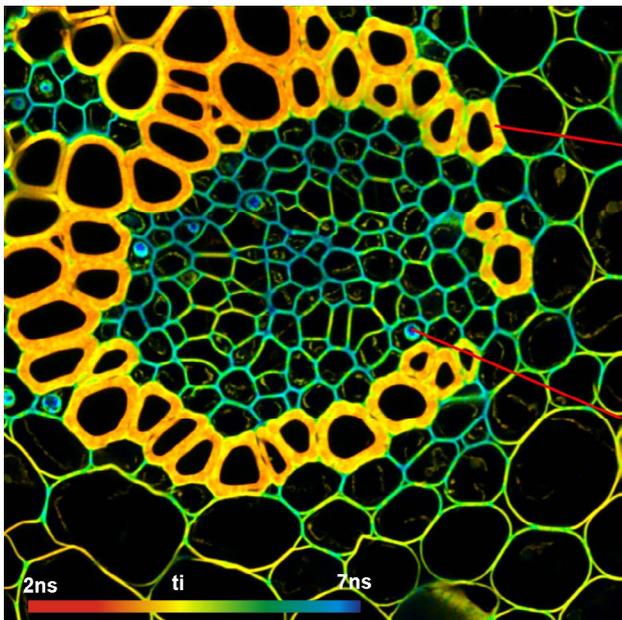
Excellent contrast and resolution

Excitation by bh BDL or BDS series  
picosecond diode laser

Laser wavelengths 375nm, 405 nm, 445 nm,  
473 nm, 488 nm, 515 nm, 640 nm, 685 nm,  
785 nm

Compatible with supercontinuum lasers

64-bit SPCM Software for Windows 7, 8, 10



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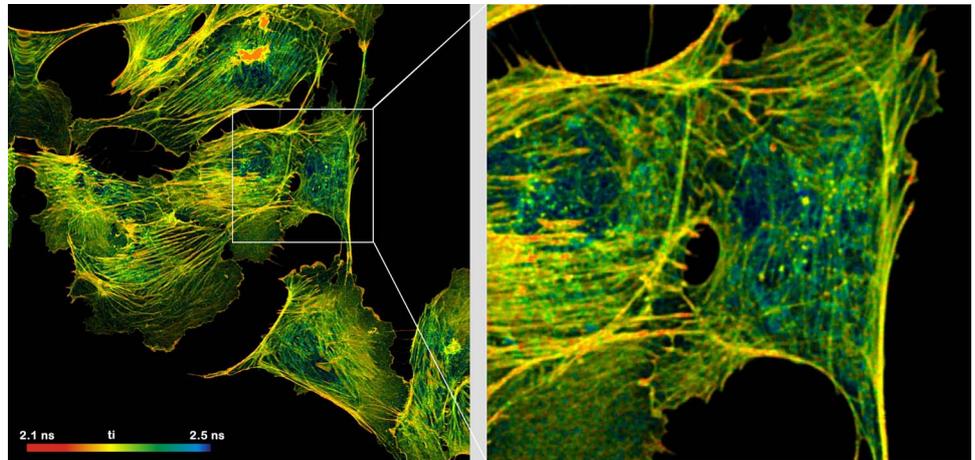
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## Megapixel FLIM Technology

Record Images with up to 2048 x 2048 pixels

Record FLIM data of a large number of cells under identical conditions

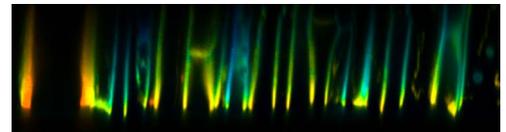
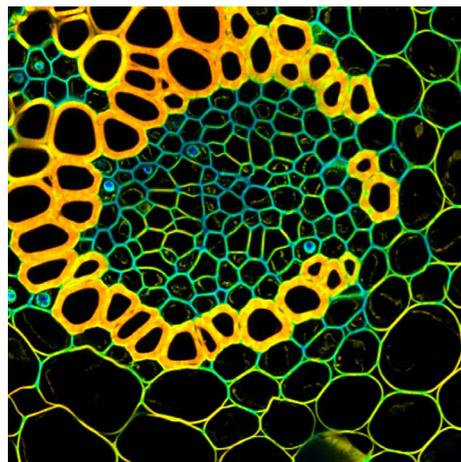
Select regions of interest from recorded data of a large field of view



## Lateral and Vertical Scanning

Select between a scan in the x-y plane or a scan in the x-z plane

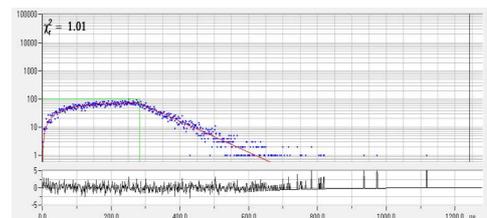
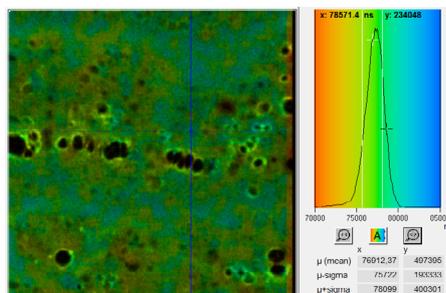
Run a vertical scan within a fraction of the time needed for a full Z stack



## Phosphorescence Lifetime Imaging Simultaneously with FLIM

Obtain unprecedented PLIM sensitivity by multi-pulse excitation

Record phosphorescence and fluorescence lifetime images simultaneously



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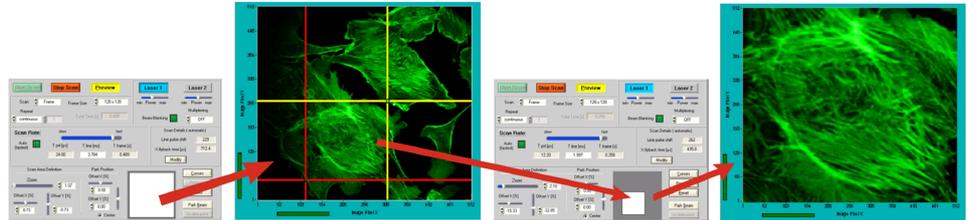
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## Interactive Scanner Control

Conveniently select scan field, pixel numbers, and scan speed

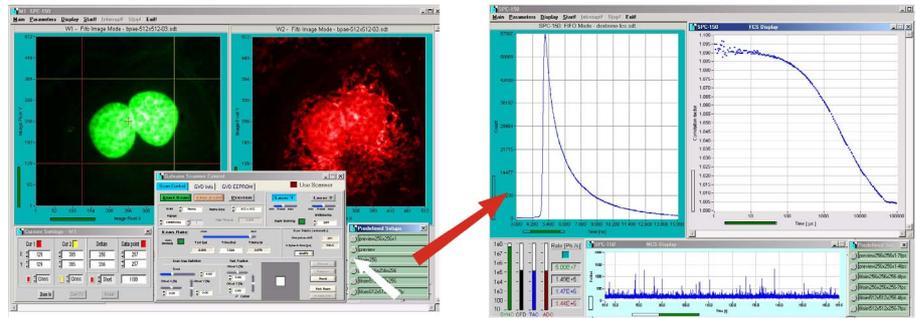
Select a region of interest within a previously recorded image

Record an image of the region selected



## Predefined Setups

Pass from one operation mode or system configuration to another by selecting from a list of 'Predefined Setups'



## Precision FLIM and PLIM Data Analysis

Analyse FLIM and PLIM data pixel by pixel

No need to record an IRF

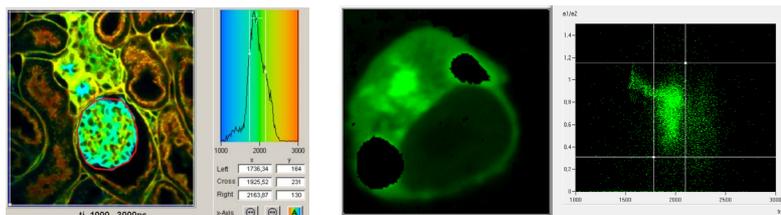
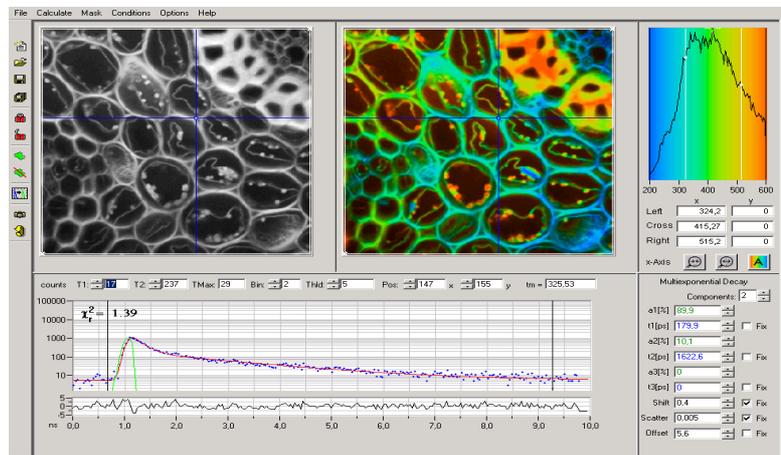
Up to three exponential decay components

Calculate lifetimes and amplitudes of decay components

Calculate ratios of lifetimes or amplitudes, fractional intensities, FRET efficiencies

Calculate 1D and 2D histograms of decay parameters over the pixels

Analyse large data volumes by batch processing



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## System Components

### Laser

High power  
High repetition rate  
Single-mode fibre coupling

### BDL-SMN series



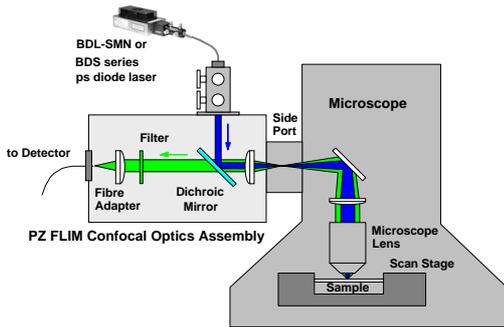
### BDS-SM Series



Repetition rates  
Available wavelengths  
Pulse width

20 MHz, 50 MHz, 80 MHz, CW  
375nm, 405 nm, 445 nm, 473 nm, 488 nm, 515nm, 640nm, 685nm, 785nm  
typ. 60 ps, depending on wavelength version and power

## PZ FLIM Confocal Optics Assembly



Laser input  
Excitation / Emission Beamsplitter  
Emission Filter  
Output to detector  
Confocal pinhole

Qioptiq Kineflex fibre manipulator  
Dichroic, different transition wavelength available  
In filter slider, long-pass and bandpass filters available  
Multi-mode fibre, FCS connector  
Core diameter of detector fibre

## Scan Stage

### Mad City Labs Nano View 200-3<sup>1</sup>



## Detector

### Id 100-50-FC SPAD (Standard)



### HPM-100-40 (optional)<sup>4</sup>



### MW FLIM GaAsP (optional)<sup>4</sup>



Wavelength Range  
Wavelength Channels

400nm to 1000nm  
1

400 nm to 700 nm  
1

400 nm to 700 nm  
16

## TCSPC Module

### SPC-150 (Standard)



### SPC-150N (Optional)



### SPC-160 (Optional)



## Scan Control Module



### GVD-120

Generation of scan signals  
Image size  
Laser multiplexing  
Laser on/off for PLIM  
Beam park function

Hardware, digital signal synthesis  
16 x 16 to 2048 x 2048 pixels  
Inside pixel, line by line, or frame by frame<sup>2</sup>  
Selectable in % of pixel time  
Any location within scan area

## System Computer and Electronics Box



Lap-top PC with  
PCI-extension box

Also available:

Extension box contains:  
SPC-150, SPC-150N, SPC-160 TCSPC modules  
GVD-120 scan controller  
DCC-100 detector controller (optional)  
SPC, GVD, and DCC modules installed in standard PC



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## Specifications

### Scanning

Optical principle  
 Laser input  
 Output to detector  
 Main beamsplitter  
 Pinhole  
 Emission filter  
 Connection to microscope

**Mad City Labs Nano-View 200-3**<sup>1</sup>  
 Sample scanning by piezo stage, confocal detection  
 Single-mode fibre coupled, Qioptiq fibre coupling system  
 Fibre coupling, FC connector, multi-mode fibre  
 Dichroic Mirror  
 Pinhole is core of detection fibre  
 Filter slider  
 adapter to left side port

### Scan Controller

Principle  
 Scan waveform  
 Scan format  
 Frame size, frame scan  
 Line scan  
 X scan  
 Y scan  
 Laser power control, electrical  
 Laser multiplexing<sup>2</sup>  
 Beam blanking  
 Scan rate  
 Fastest scan rate with piezo stage<sup>3</sup>  
 Scan area definition  
 Beam park position  
 Laser control

**bh GVD-120**  
 Digital waveform generation, scan waveforms generated by hardware [1]  
 Linear ramp with cycloid flyback. Parameters configurable for different scanners  
 line, frame, or single point  
 16x16 to 2048x2048 pixels  
 16 to 2048 pixels  
 continuous or pixel-by-pixel  
 line by line  
 via electrical signal to lasers  
 frame by frame, line by line, or within one pixel  
 during flyback and when scan is stopped  
 automatic selection of fastest possible rate or manual selection  
 5 lines / second  
 via zoom and offset or interactive via image cursors  
 selectable via cursor in FLIM image  
 On/off, power, wavelength multiplexing<sup>2</sup>

### Excitation Source

Available Wavelengths  
 Pulse width, typical  
 Pulse frequency  
 Power in picosecond mode  
 Fast on/off modulation

**bh BDL-SMC Series or BDS-Series picosecond diode laser**  
 375nm, 405nm, 445nm, 473nm, 488nm, 510nm, 640nm, 685nm, 785nm  
 40 to 70 ps  
 BDL-Series: 20MHZ, 50MHZ, 80MHZ BDS Series: 20 MHZ, 50 MHZ  
 Typ. 0.2 mW to 2 mW injected into fibre. Depends on wavelength version  
 < 1µs, for PLIM and excitation wavelength multiplexing<sup>2</sup>

### Detector (standard)

Spectral Range  
 Peak quantum efficiency  
 IRF width with bh diode laser  
 Background count rate, thermal  
 Power supply

**Id Quantique id100-50-FC SPAD**  
 400 to 1000 nm  
 50%  
 70 to 130 ps  
 Typ. 100 to 200. LN version with <10 available  
 6V wall-mounted power supply

### Detector (optional)

Spectral Range  
 Cathode type  
 Peak quantum efficiency  
 IRF width with bh diode laser  
 Background count rate, thermal  
 Background from afterpulsing  
 Power supply and overload shutdown

**bh HPM-100-40 hybrid detector [1]**<sup>4</sup>  
 400 to 700nm  
 GaAsP  
 40 to 50%  
 120 to 130 ps  
 300 to 2000 counts per second  
 not detectable  
 via DCC-100 controller of TCSPC system

### Detector (optional)

No. of wavelength channels  
 Wavelength channel width  
 Spectral Range  
 Cathode type  
 IRF width with bh diode laser  
 Power supply and overload shutdown

**bh Multi-Wavelength MW-FLIM Detector [1]**<sup>4</sup>  
 16  
 12.5 nm, other on requests  
 200 nm within a range of 400 to 700nm  
 GaAsP  
 250 ps  
 via DCC-100 controller of TCSPC system



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## TCSPC System

Principle

Electrical timing jitter

Electrical IRF width

Minimum time channel width

Dead time

Saturated count rate

Dual-time-base operation

Source of macro time clock

Input from detector

Reference (SYNC) input

Synchronisation with scanning

Scan rate

Synchronisation with laser multiplexing <sup>2</sup>

Recording of multi-wavelength data <sup>5</sup>

Basic acquisition principles, see [1]

Operation modes, see [1]

Max. Image size, pixels (SPCM 64 bit software)

Max. no of time channels, see [1]

**bh SPC-150, SPC-150N, or SPC-160 module, see [1] for details**

Advanced TAC/ADC principle

2.3 ps rms

6.8 ps FWHM

813 fs

100 ns (80 ns for SPC-160)

10 MHz (12 MHz for SPC-160)

via micro times from TAC and via macro time clock

internal 40MHz clock or from laser

constant-fraction discriminator

constant-fraction discriminator

via frame clock, line clock and pixel clock pulses

any scan rate <sup>3</sup>, automatic accumulation of frames

via routing function

simultaneous in all wavelength channels, via routing function

on-board-buildup of photon distributions

buildup of photon distributions in computer memory

generation of parameter-tagged single-photon data

online auto or cross correlation and PCH

f(t), oscilloscope, f(txy), f(t,T), f(t) continuous flow

FIFO (correlation / FCS / MCS) mode

Scan Sync In imaging, Scan Sync In with continuous flow

FIFO imaging, with MCS imaging, mosaic imaging <sup>6</sup>, time-series imaging <sup>6</sup>

Multi-wavelength operation <sup>5</sup>, laser multiplexing operation <sup>2</sup>

cycle and repeat function, autosave function

2048x2048    1024x1024    512x512    256x256

256    1024    4096    4096

## SPCM Data Acquisition Software, please see [1] for details

Operating system

Windows 7, Windows 8, or Windows 10, 64 bit

Loading of system configuration

single click in predefined-setup panel

Start / stop of measurement

by operator or by timer, starts with start of scan, stops with end of current frame

Online calculation and display, FLIM, PLIM

in intervals of Display Time, min. 1 second

Online calculation and display, FCS, PCH

in intervals of Display Time, min. 1 second

Number of images displayed simultaneously

max 8

Number of curves (Decay, FCS, PCH, Multiscaler)

8 in one curve window

Cycle, repeat, autosave functions

user-defined, used for

for time-series recording <sup>6</sup>, Z stack FLIM <sup>6</sup>,

microscope-controlled time series

User command or autosave function

Saving of measurement data

Optional saving of parameter-tagged single-photon data

Link to SPCImage data analysis

automatically after end of measurement or by user command

## SPCImage FLIM and PLIM Data Analysis, please see [1] for details

Data types

FLIM, PLIM, single fluorescence or phosphorescence decay curves

Decay models

Single-, double-, triple-exponential decay models, incomplete decay models, first moment

Procedure

Iterative convolution or direct calculation by first moment

Batch processing for multi-file FLIM data

Parameters delivered by analysis

lifetimes of components, amplitudes, ratios of amplitudes or lifetimes,

FRET efficiency, fractional intensities of decay components

Display

Colour-coded images of decay parameters

Histogram of decay parameters over pixels

2D histograms of decay parameters, phasor plot

## Remarks

1. Other scan stages on request. Stage controller must have analog inputs.
2. Laser multiplexing requires second laser and single-mode beam combiner.
3. Limited by piezo stage. Fastest system scan rate depends on stage type. Configurable for different stages.
4. Requires DCC-100 detector controller card.
5. Requires MW FLIM detector.
6. Limited applicability due to slow scan rate of piezo stage.



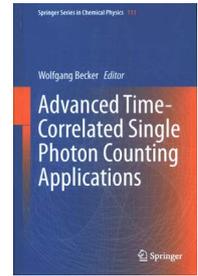
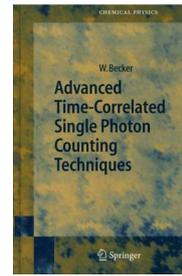
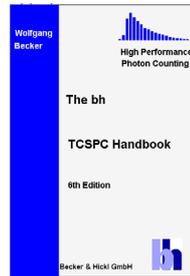
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## Related Products

### DCS-120 Confocal Scanning FLIM Systems

- Scanning by fast galvanometer mirrors
- 2 laser channels, 2 detector channels
- FLIM, Multi-Wavelength FLIM, PLIM, Z Stack FLIM, Fast Time-Series by temporal mosaic FLIM

### DCS-120 MACRO System

- Imaging of cm-size objects
- Scanning by fast galvanometer mirrors
- 2 laser channels, 2 detector channels
- FLIM, Multi-Wavelength FLIM, PLIM, Z Stack FLIM, Fast Time-Series by temporal mosaic FLIM

### Modular FLIM Systems for Zeiss LSM 710 / 780 / 880 Family Laser Scanning Microscopes

- Fast galvanometer scanning
- One or two ps diode lasers
- Multiphoton excitation by Ti:Sa laser
- Confocal detection or NDD detection
- One, two, three, or four detection channels
- FLIM, Multi-wavelength FLIM, PLIM, Lateral Mosaic FLIM, Z Stack FLIM, Fast Time-Series by temporal mosaic FLIM

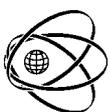
### Modular FLIM Systems for Zeiss LSM 510 NLO Family Laser Scanning Microscopes

- Fast galvanometer scanning
- Multiphoton excitation
- One or two NDD detection channels
- FLIM, Multi-wavelength FLIM, Lateral Mosaic FLIM, Z Stack FLIM, Fast Time-Series by Temporal Mosaic FLIM

### Modular FLIM Systems for Leica, Nikon, Olympus Laser Scanning Microscopes

- Fast galvanometer scanning
- Diode laser excitation and multiphoton excitation
- Various system configurations, please see Handbook [1]

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