

Marianas SDC

Super-Resolution Spinning Disk Confocal Microscopy System





Live cell 3D confocal imaging Super-resolution dual microlens disk

Path selection up to four ports Sub-millisecond switch time

Dynamic correction of spherical aberration with depth

Fully Automated Research Microscope

Motorized objective, condenser and path selection













Spinning Disk Confocal

Yokogawa spinning disk confocals utilize a dual Nipkow disk with microlenses for the best optical sectioning and minimal pinhole crosstalk. This proven technology is the best solution for live cell imaging where optical sectioning and cell viability are both critically important.



CSU-X1

- Highest speed imaging at up to 2000fps
- Field of view for 7mm x 10mm detectors
- 50µm pinhole disk with microlenses
- Manual and motorized versions



CSU-W1

- High speed imaging up to 200fps
- Wide field of view 16mm x 17mm
- 25µm and 50µm pinhole disks for lower and higher magnification objectives
- Motorization including disk exchange, variable aperture, camera port selection and camera port magnification
- Options for split-view imaging, NIR imaging, illumination field flattening and superresolution imaging

	CSU-X1	CSU-W1
Pinhole Diameter	50µm disk	25µm disk and 50µm disk
Number of Disks	One	One or two with motorized switching
Disk Bypass	With 3i bypass	Standard
Acquisition Speed	2000 FPS	200 FPS
Effective Field of View	10mm x 7mm	17mm x 16mm
Near IR Excitation	Up to 640nm	Up to 785nm

Uniformizer | Illumination Field Uniformity

For exceptionally even illumination across the entire field, Uniformizer conditions the gaussian beam from the illumination fiber optic to distribute light evenly across the field. Using a set of microlens arrays, Uniformizer flattens the field to as little as 1% variance and boosts overall intensity up to 50%.





Human prostate tissue section with nuclei in blue and vasculature in orange. Imaged with Marianas SDC and Uniformizer, 100x/1.46NA objective. Image shown is 650µm across montaged with 2 x 6 fields of view.





Super-Resolution by Optical Re-Assignment

CSU-W1 SoRa is an easy-to-use super-resolution microscopy solution utilizing a dual Nipkow disk assembly with microlenses on both the illuminating and pinhole disks. SoRa images have a 1.4x resolution improvement and deconvolved SoRa images have a 2x resolution improvement compared to standard spinning disk data. With a maximum speed of 200fps, low phototoxicity and no limitation on dyes or fluors, SoRa is ideal for super-resolution live cell imaging. SoRa is also available as an upgrade to existing CSU-W1 systems.



Standard	Standard Deconvolved	
100nm		
150nm		
200nm		
250nm		

Argolight test slide (520nm emission) imaged with Plan-Apochromat 100x/1.46NA objective and 2.8x magnification. SoRa achieves a resolution of 150nm, improved to 120nm with deconvolution.

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Specifications				
Imaging Speed	200 fps			
Wavelength Range	405nm to 640nm excitation 420nm to 680nm emission			
XY Resolution	150nm 120nm with deconvolution			
Z Resolution	320nm 300nm with deconvolution			
Field of View 63x Objective and 4x Relay Magnification	67µm x 63µm			
Field of View 100x Objective and 2.8x Relay Magnification	61µm x 57µm			

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Imaging of microtubules in fixed bovine pulmonary artery endothelial cells. Azuma, T. and Kei, T. (2015) Super-resolution spinning-disk confocal microscopy using optical photon reassignment. Opt Express. Jun 1;23(11):15003-11. doi: 10.1364/OE.23.015003.

Adaptive Optics for Live Cell Microscopy

C-Shaper

Adaptive optics (AO) are used in astronomy to resolve images of distant celestial events through miles of light-scattering atmosphere. C-Shaper brings AO to live cell microscopy, improving images deep into specimens with seamless integration in Marianas systems. C-Shaper corrects classical optical aberrations due not only to imperfect lenses but due to unavoidable refractive index mismatches and unpredictable specimen environments. Correction can be done on-the-fly to address the changing optical environment that presents when imaging deep into a specimen.





Up to 18 Zernike modes can be addressed via an array of actuators in a deformable mirror. With the push of a button in SlideBook, aberrations are measured and corrected during image capture. Additionally, aberrations can be dynamically corrected as capture proceeds deeper into a specimen. The resulting improvements to the point spread function provide better resolving ability and increased signal to noise.

When imaging into a living cell with an oil objective, refractive index mismatch degrades the image quality. Addressing this via AO allows for instant correction of spherical aberration.



F-actin in fibroblasts imaged 50µm into water using a 100x/1.4NA oil immersion objective and CSU-W1 spinning disk confocal without AO and with AO correction.

Photomanipulation

Ablate! Laser Ablation System

- 355nm or 532nm pulsed laser
- Fixed point or galvo-scanned variable region of interest
- 2D or 3D regions
- Diffraction limited spot



Vector2 Scanning Photomanipulation

- Photoactivation/FRAP
- galvo-scanned variable region of interest
- 2D or 3D regions
- Diffraction limited spot



Phasor Holographic Photomanipulation

- Spatial light modulator-generated holography for optogenetics stimulation/FRAP/voltage imaging
- Simultaneous 3D stimulation of multiple, separate regions
- Visible and multiphoton stimulation without scanning







PHOTOABLATION Mammalian cell with membrane labeled in green. Before (left) and after ablation (right).





PHOTOBLEACHING

Mammalian cell with membrane labeled in green before bleaching and FRAP curve in SlideBook.



3D PHOTOSTIMULATION

3D illumination pattern (left) applied to a 3D specimen (right) to stimulate multiple regions simultaneously.



SlideBook software supports research microscopy through the entire experimental process. By managing everything from instrument control to image processing and data analysis, SlideBook allows scientists to focus on investigation rather than instrumentation. SlideBook controls hundreds of instruments in and around the microscope from dozens of manufacturers enabling researchers to integrate their preferred components and upgrade to the latest devices once available.

NVIDIA CUDA GPU Acceleration

GPU acceleration of computationally-intensive operations such as deconvolution

User-Selectable App Appearance

Select a color scheme from dozens of options Switch on-the-fly from dark to light themes

SlideBook Open File Format

Directory-based open file format for big data and high performance computing applications

Volume Rendering

3D and 4D volume view visualization tools support a userspecified bounding box and a storyboard interface where multiple perspectives can be assembled into a single movie



Capabilities

Capture

Control hundreds of devices including microscopes, stages, lasers, wheels, piezos, scanners, shutters and much more.

S Scripting

Macro scripting for capture and analysis enhances the flexibility and power available to users.

View

Visualize data through any numbers of portals, from single images to z-stacks, time lapse, color channels and 4D views.



Analyze images and extract statistical data via a wide variety of algorithms while maintaining original data integrity.

Communicate

Present and export data easily as 16-bit TIFFs, 3D movies, graphs or spreadsheets. Data is directly portable to MATLAB and Excel and adheres to Open Microscopy Environment (OME) standards.

Through hierarchical and conditional capture, user-supplied MATLAB programs can control experimental workflows.

Aivia

Aivia is an innovative and complete 2D-to-5D image visualization, analysis and interpretation platform with artificial intelligence-guided image analysis.

System Capture Consoles

Consoles are a single easy-to-use window featuring all frequent controls and status displays

Multiwell and Montage

Streamlined multiwell interface Montaging with a variety of methods

3D Capture Status

Volumetric projection during 4D capture supported across all instruments



Partners

M Microvolution

Microvolution software delivers nearly instantaneous deconvolution by combining intelligent software programming with the power of a GPU.



The latest high-power computer workstations control all microscope hardware and enable high-speed processing, segmentation and volume rendering of terabyte (TB) datasets.

Total Internal Reflection Fluorescence



Vector2 TIRF Spinning X,Y TIRF System for Even Illumination

Vector2 TIRF is a flexible spinning TIRF (ring TIRF) addition to the Marianas platform. Vector2 TIRF uses galvo mirrors to spin an excitation laser around the periphery of the objective's back focal plane. This produces an even evanescent wave with very low penetration depth, perfect for imaging live cell focal adhesions, membrane dynamics, and receptor function as well as in vitro experiments that require the thinnest optical section. The motorized focus of Vector2 TIRF allows for precise TIRF alignment and focus correction across all wavelengths and multiple objects.



Data courtesy of Dr. Chris Bakal and Oliver Inge at the Institute of Cancer Research in London.



Starting with a single point at the edge of the back aperture, Vector2 TIRF spins the beam around the periphery creating an evanescent field from all angles producing evenly illuminated images.

HILO Microscopy

Vector2 TIRF is also designed for highly inclined and laminated optical sheet (HILO) microscopy. HILO illumination (shown in orange) is achieved just before reaching the critical angle required for TIRF evanescent wave illumination (shown in blue). HILO offers high signal-to-noise with greater penetration for imaging beyond the membrane to the nucleus and through the cell body. Combined with LaserStack and a selection of high and low-powered lasers, Vector2 TIRF is a versatile single-molecule imaging platform in both TIRF and HILO modalities.





LightSheet

Marianas LightSheet



Marianas LightSheet incorporates a dual view single plane illumination microscope (SPIM) atop a fully automated research microscope. Light sheet illumination from sheets as thin as 3µm allow for long-term live cell imaging with essentially no photodamage. Dual view SPIM and image reconstruction in SlideBook produce data with isotropic 3D resolution.

TILT Stage Top Lightsheet



TILT is a single objective lightsheet offering convenience and flexibility across a variety of magnifications and numerical apertures. Easily incorporated with Marianas, TILT produces light sheet illumination of less than 5µm sheet thickness nearly normal to the imaging objective optical axis.

Frequency Domain FLIM

Fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy (FLIM) for Marianas measures fluorescence lifetimes via frequency modulation, creating data orders of magnitude faster than time domain FLIM. Frequency domain FLIM modulates both illumination and detection signals for artifact-free FRET and micro-environment sensor imaging in live samples. Lifetime images can be acquired in less than one second and close to single-molecule detection is possible.

Fluorescence lifetimes can be used to measure protein proximity (FRET), aggregation, relative concentration of different molecules, separation of different markers with spectral overlap, ion concentration, and for the removal of autofluorescence. SlideBook software allows FLIM imaging to be fully integrated and automated, combinable with widefield fluorescence, TIRF, FRAP, spinning disk confocal and multiphoton imaging. Through intuitive polar graph (vector) graphic analysis, SlideBook can easily visualize a variety of fluorescent substances, FRET efficiency and mixture analysis.





c1-6ab Hela cells dual expressing donor and acceptor FRET pair. 488nm illumination. Elenora Balloi. Peter March Lab. Welcome Trust. Manchester UK.

Plant Microscopy



Marianas can be outfitted with a vertical stage and a spinning disk confocal for high resolution 4D imaging of developmental biology in Arabidopsis and other plants. A stage designed for plant chambers and a right-angle relay from the microscope allow long-term study of plant physiology in their native growth orientation.

Nano Injection

Single Cellome Unit SU10





PLANT BIOLOGY

Actin filaments, labeled with mNeonGreen-fABD, in epidermal root cells. Courtesy of Dr. Felix Ruhnow and Isabella Østerlund, Dr. Staffan Persson group at University of Copenhagen.

Systems Engineering

3i's Systems Engineering department designs, builds and extensively tests every customer system. From spinning disk confocal to multiphoton to lightsheet and photomanipulation, 3i has delivered over a thousand custom, cutting-edge microscopy systems to help answer some of the most complex scientific questions.



Application Knowledge | Scientific Consulting

A team of PhD scientists meet with each client to document and better understand the scientific context of the user group to ensure that the capabilities of the delivered system match the underlying research goals.

Performance Criteria | Targeted to Experiments Understanding key experiments and imaging paradigms allows Systems Engineering to apply targeted testing criteria to every system.

Customized Hardware | Novel Light Creation

No matter how complex or customized a light path may be for imaging or photostimulation, our engineers ensure that light is manipulated and directed to where it is needed, when it is needed.

Custom Test Plan | Assure Experiment Success

When a technically advanced experiment requires specific system performance to succeed in the lab, a custom test plan assures the system meets that mark prior to delivery.

System Integration | Synchronization of Dozens of Instruments

Systems Engineering combines institutional knowledge and scientific consultation to ensure that the instruments in each system are configured for experimental success in the lab.

System Test Report | Guaranteed Performance

Performance metrics and results of the custom test plan are documented in a System Test Report delivered with each system.



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Application Data



Prostate tissue section labeled for nuclei (blue) and blood vessels



REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

Lipid docks in lactating mammary epithelial cells. 20x montage. Courtesy of Dr. Jenifer Monks, CU Anschutz Medical Campus.





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DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY Drosophila pupa wing disc expressing E-cadherin GFP.



PLANT BIOLOGY

Actin (magenta) and microtubule cytoskeleton (cyan) in *Arabidopsis* thaliana cotyledons. Courtesy of Isabella Østerlund and Dr. Felix Ruhnow, Dr. Staffan Persson group at University of Copenhagen.



EX VIVO

Murine hair follicles. Courtesy of Dr. Anthony Peng, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



CELL BIOLOGY Retinal pigment epithelium cells expressing GFP-vimentin (green) and RFP-tubulin (blue). Courtesy of Dr. Doncic Lab, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.



INTRACELLULAR IMAGING Macrophage labeled for nucleus (blue), microtubules (purple), and actin (orange).



DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY Zebrafish tail labeled for actin.

Support and Maintenance

A variety of software and equipment support levels help keep systems running well for years. A Software Support Agreement allows labs to run the latest version of SlideBook with new acquisition and analysis features. It includes direct access to 3i staff via email, phone and video chat. A System Maintenance Agreement adds an annual preventative maintenance visit, 3i service visits and 3i coordination of any repairs, although repair and replacement parts are not included. A System Extended Warranty adds full coverage for repairs and replacement parts. Additionally, 3i application scientists may provide in-person and webinar-based application training.

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Repairs Coordinated by 3i		×	×
Application Training In-Person or Online			
Full Warranty Coverage of all System Hardware			

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3i designs and manufactures technologies for living cell, live cell, and intravital fluorescence microscopy including superresolution, computer-generated holography, spinning disk confocal, multi-photon and lightsheet. SlideBook software manages everything from instrument control to image capture, processing and data analysis. 3i was established in 1995 by a group of cell biologists, neuroscientists, and computer scientists to provide advanced multi-dimensional microscopy platforms that are intuitive to use, modular in design, and meet the evolving needs of investigators in the biological research community.





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