



Nano-Spectroscopy Solutions

AFM-Raman, TERS, NSOM Chemical imaging at the nanoscale

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Since its introduction in the early 80's, Scanning Probe Microscopy (SPM) has quickly made nanoscale imaging an affordable reality. The technique provides a continuously growing variety of surface analysis methods for the physical characterization of materials, yet label-free chemical sensitivity is still challenging.

On the other hand, optical spectroscopy has provided a unique way to determine the structure and chemical composition of molecules for decades and is a method of choice for the analysis of nano-materials despite its diffraction-limited spatial resolution.

The two techniques together make up an attractive and unique tool, yet integrating such different instrumention is challenging. Today, with over a decade of experience in this exciting field, we have refined the technique to its utmost with uncompromised performance in mind to bring you a tool that is not only extremely powerful and versatile, but is also so easy to use, fast and reliable that generating outstanding data is rendered effortless.

Raman-AFM and TERS Made Easy!

Reliable Results

- Fully automated cantilever alignment insuring reproducible optimization of the AFM parameters from one tip to the next and from one user to another. (1) (5)
- Reliable repositioning of the probe on the sample within seconds. (1) (8)
- Drift compensated sample scanner with high resonance frequency brings reproducible images over long periods of time thanks to low vibration sensitivity. (5)
- Raman laser alignment by piezo driven closed-loop objective scanner: shortest distance to the focus point for minimum drift. (6)
- Visual confirmation of the Raman laser alignment with independent video imaging, SPM detection and Raman mapping. (8)

Versatile

- Numerous SPM modes including AFM, STM, tuning fork, NSOM.
- Full range of Raman excitation lasers including red and NIR without interferences thanks to a 1300 nm AFM feedback diode. (1)
- Up to 3 spectroscopic detectors and 20 SPM channels.
- High resolution sample scanner from nanometers to full scan range. (5)
- Top down and oblique Raman detection for optimum resolution and throughput in both co-localized and Tip-Enhanced measurement modes. (2)
- Full control through one workstation, yet SPM and spectrometer can be operated independently.





1300 nm AFM laser feedback



High efficiency top down and side coupling

Powerful

- High numerical aperture objectives from both top and side for best co-localized spatial resolution and best TERS collection efficiency.
- High-throughput optics and spectrometer.
- High spectral resolution with the LabRAM HR spectrograph.
- Broad range of detection wavelengths, from deep UV to Infrared.
- Simultaneous SPM and spectroscopic measurements.
- Powerful processing software suite for both SPM and spectroscopic data, including Multivariate Analysis and spectral database lookup.



Compact holder for easy probe exchange



Dual optical scheme, easy switching



High resonance scanner, auto tip-alignment and tuning



Closed-loop, short path-length Raman laser alignment for long-term stability



High performance without active vibration isolation

Simple and Fast

- One-click cantilever alignment, frequency tuning and optimization, requiring no manual adjustments.
- Easy cantilever exchange without affecting the sample.
- Fast and intuitive Raman laser to AFM tip alignment.
- Ultra-fast simultaneous SPM and Raman measurements.



Visual confirmation of Raman laser alignment in all modes

The Ultimate Tool for Physical and Chemical Characterization

Raman-AFM

Full range of SPM modes and simultaneous spectroscopy

<u>5µm</u>

Raman Silicon



Raman Graphene with Defects



Composite Raman image





Graphene CLS Spectra

Raman Single Layer Graphene



Raman 2-layer Graphene



Raman 3-layer Graphene



Raman Amorphous Carbon



Full range of SPM modes and simultaneous spectroscopy

AFM Optical Image 100 %



AFM Contact Potential Difference



AFM Capacitance



AFM Friction



AFM Phase



Main Applications

- Biological structures
- Graphene
- Carbon nanotubes
- Nanowires
- Polymers
- SERS substrates
- Semiconductors

TERS

Label-free chemical characterization with nanoscale resolution

SWCNT STM Image



SWCNT TERS Image G Band



Integrated Software

Seamless system control and data acquisition, and the most advanced data analysis and processing suite



Integrated Multivariate Analysis module. High level analysis at a touch of a button. PCA | MCR | HCA | DCA.



Powerful data acquisition and system control interface with scripting and methods definition capabilities.



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