Quantaurus-Tau®

Fluorescence lifetime spectrometer C11367 series

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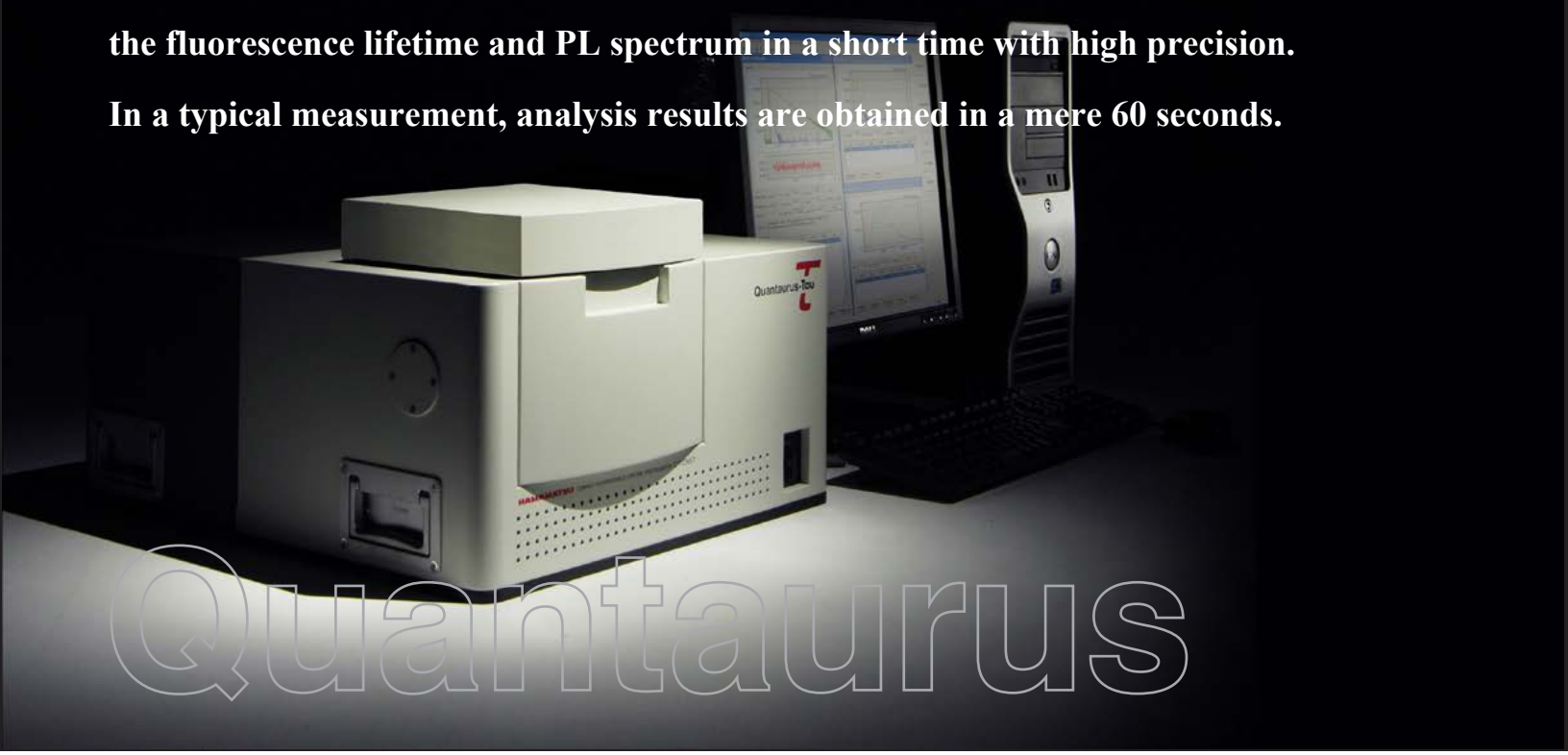
Quantaurus-Tau is a compact system for measuring fluorescence lifetimes in the sub nanosecond to millisecond range. Operation is simple, just set the sample into the sample chamber, and enter a few conditions on the measurement software to measure the fluorescence lifetime and PL spectrum in a short time with high precision.

In a typical measurement, analysis results are obtained in a mere 60 seconds.



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Fluorescence Lifetime

Fluorescence lifetime measurement

Measuring an excited-state relaxation process

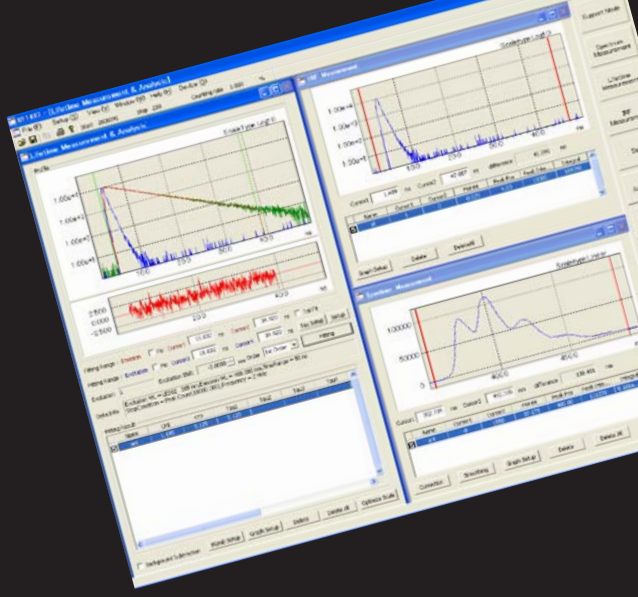
The fluorescence spectrum obtained from an organic material or fluorescent probe is a vital parameter for controlling and evaluating the material functions and characteristics such as the peak wavelength and fluorescence intensity. However, a fluorescence spectrum usually shows time-integrated information, and so when the material contains multiple substances and reactive elements, their fluorescence spectrum can only be acquired as integrated information. An effective approach in such cases is to observe the light emission dynamics by making use of the time axis parameter. This is generally called fluorescence lifetime measurement, in which the time required for the substance excited by the pulsed light to return to its ground state is measured in the sub-nanosecond to millisecond region. This measurement allows obtaining more information such as multiple different fluorescence lifetimes even at the same wavelength and the percentage in which they are present within the material, etc.

Features

- High sensitivity measurement by photon counting method
- Time resolution better than 100 ps (by deconvolution)
- Cooling function for solution sample (-196 °C) (option)
- Phosphorescence measurement (option)
- Fluorescence spectrum measurement
- Space-saving, compact design

Easy and quick measurements

Emission Lifetime can be gotten easily and quickly only by putting the sample into sample box and setting the 4 measurement conditions.



7 excitation wavelength

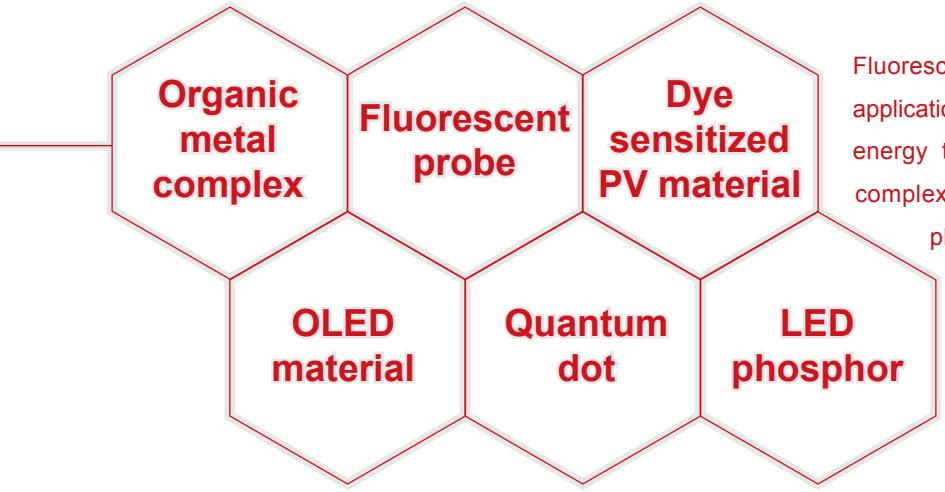
280 nm, 340 nm, 365 nm, 405 nm, 470 nm, 590 nm, and 630 nm.

Analyzing different sample forms

Thin-film, solid, solutions and powder.

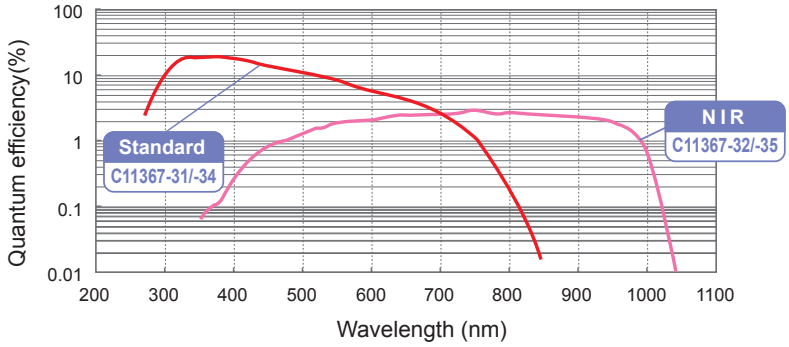
2 selection of detector

Standard	NIR
C11367-31/-34	C11367-32/-35
wavelength 300 nm to 800 nm	wavelength 380 nm to 1030 nm



Fluorescence lifetime measurement is applicable to varied applications. Typical applications include electron movement and energy transfer reactions within or between organic metallic complex molecules, as well as fluorescence and phosphorescence lifetime measurement of materials essential for developing organic EL devices, FRET (fluorescence resonance energy transfer) in fluorescent proteins, and pass/fail testing of compound semiconductors for solar cells and LED, etc.

Detector spectral sensitivity



Measurement procedure

Software designed taking account of the measurement procedure ensures easy and quick measurements.

Set sample

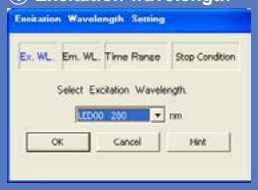
Sample

thin-film | solid | solution | powder

Input

4 measurement conditions

① Excitation wavelength



② Emission wavelength

③ Time range

④ Stop conditions

Shifting delay, Light intensity is automatically adjustable.

Start measurement

Set number of components

Measurement data

One-click analysis

deconvolution and fitting processes

In fluorescence lifetime measurements with a solution standard reagent - anthracene solution (QY=0.27), the analysis results are computed within about 60 seconds* after starting sample measurement

Displays the analysis results as: fluorescence lifetimes, component ratios, and chi-square test ($\chi 2$)

- Multi-component processing up to five components
- Simultaneous multiple data comparison on the same screen
- Real-time display of time profiles and spectrum

* If pre-measuring the IRF (Instrument Response Function)

Set parameter of multi-component processing

The range of the fitting data and IRF is specified for of each.

Set shift amount of IRF

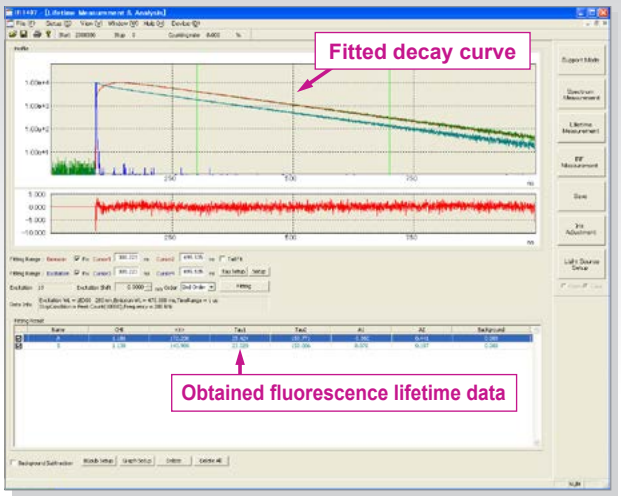
Specimens can be analyzed manually

- Diversified analysis of lifetime components down to the order of sub-nano to milliseconds
- Rise time analysis
- Spectral analysis by monochromator control

Analysis functions

Quantaurus-Tau includes a variety of measurement and analysis functions such as simultaneous multi-component fluorescence lifetime measurement and multi-sample data comparison.

Multi-component fluorescence lifetime analysis and comparison



Multi-component analysis of up to five components

In fluorescence lifetime measurement, a phenomenon often occurs where the data is observed as the sum of the attenuation curves of multi-component fluorescence lifetimes. Quantaurus-Tau easily calculates the fluorescence lifetime data and component ratio of each element by using the dedicated software.

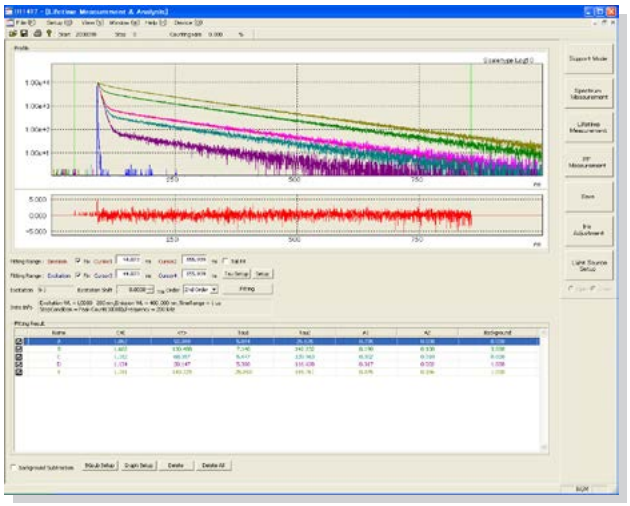
Highly accurate analysis by deconvolution

Deconvolution processing enables fluorescence lifetime analysis with high accuracy. When analyzing longer lifetime components such as phosphorescence, the "Tail Fit" function can be used instead of deconvolution processing.

Real-time display of time profiles and spectrum

Time profiles or spectrum are displayed on the monitor screen in real-time. This is a useful function for selecting the time scale during measurement or determining the analysis data range.

Multi-sample fluorescence lifetime analysis and comparison



Multiple data analysis on the same screen

Calculated fluorescence lifetime values are also displayed on the same screen for easy comparison analysis.

Comparisons under the same fitting conditions

To make comparison analysis under the same conditions, Quantaurus-Tau subjects the multiple samples to specific fitting ranges, IRF (Instrument Response Function), and parameter settings.

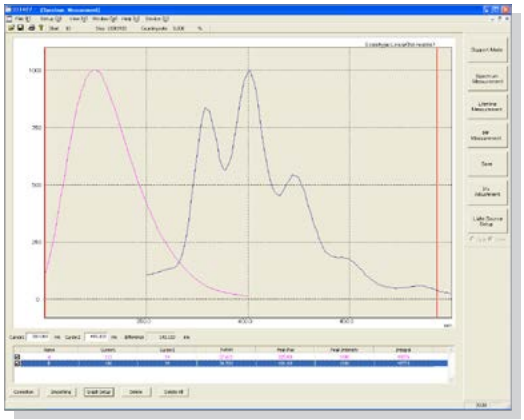
Graph editing with a graph setup feature

This allows you to change the range of each axis as needed on the comparison analysis screen so that the data can be edited to match your purpose. This feature also allows powerful normalizing whenever needed.

Acquired data can be easily stored as text data

The acquired data can be stored into the graph analysis software as text data by simple copy-and-paste operations.

Multi-sample PL spectrum analysis and comparison



Time-resolved spectrum display

Allows time-resolved spectrum display the greatest feature offered by streak camera systems.

Spectrum and fluorescence decay curve display

Displays the full width at half maximum (FWHM), peak position and peak intensity for each profile.

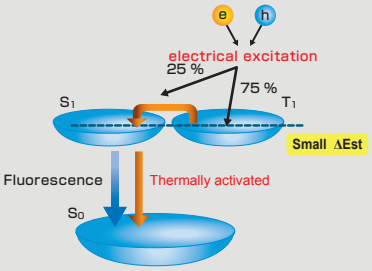
Multiple data loading and comparison on the same screen

Normalized processing makes multiple data comparison easy.

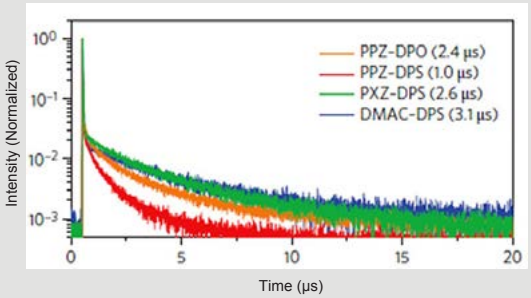
Measurement examples

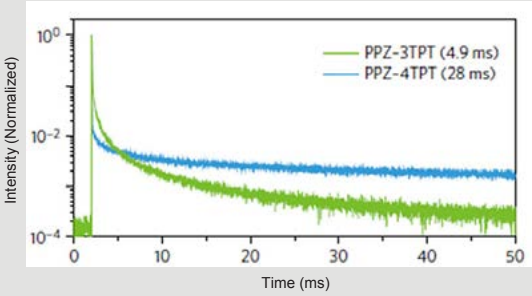
Our long and proven record in fluorescence lifetime measurements is the reason our products are favored by many users in a wide range of fields.

TADF of the blue OLED material

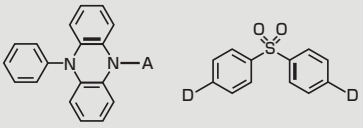


TADF (Thermally activated delayed fluorescence) is known well as the 3rd generation OLED material which is high efficiency and cost saving, furthermore can be replaced with phosphorescence material. The data shows the example of fluorescence lifetime measurement of blue TADF material. In order to achieve the high efficiency, the molecule design is the important factor to minimize the energy gap of excited singlet state (S_1) and excited triplet state (T_1).





Delayed fluorescence of TADF material results in that small gap of ΔEst, which is defined as the energy gap of S_1 state and T_1 state, is in the micro second range. On the other hand, wide gap of ΔEst is in mili second range.

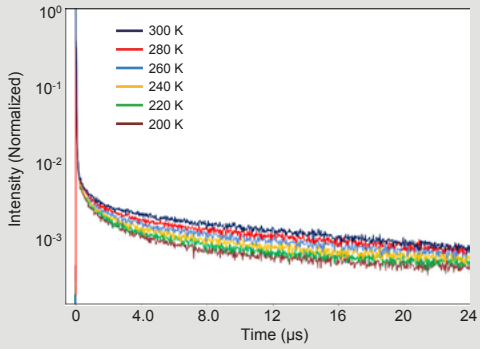


A= PPZ-DPO, PPZ-3TPT, PPT-4TPT	PPZ: 5-phenyl-5,10-dihydrophenazine DPO: 2,5-diphenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole TPT: 3,4,5-triphenyl-1,2,4-triazole
D=PPZ-DPS, PXZ-DPS, DMAC-DPS	DPS: diphenylsulphone PXZ: phenoxazine DMAC: 9,9-dimethyl-9,10-dihydroacridine

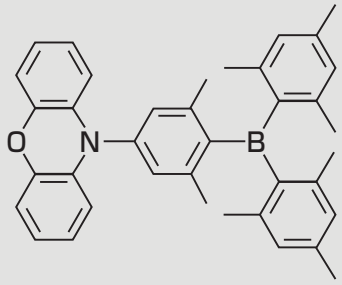
Data courtesy of Prof. Chihaya Adachi, Hajime Nakanotani
Center for Organic Photonics and Electronics Research, Kyushu Univ.

Q. Zhang, B. Li, S. Huang, H. Nomura, H. Tanaka and C. Adachi, *nature photonics*. **8**, 326 (2014)

Temperature dependency of fluorescence lifetime with TADF material



Temperature dependence of transient PL decays of triarylboron-based OLED emitter doped in CBP (16 wt%).



The fluorescence life time measurement example to observe the temperature dependency of triarylboron-based compound which is the TADF material. Phosphorescence material as the typical OLED material has chemical behavior to decrease the ratio of the light components by the temperature increasing. As the temperature rose, TADF material, however, increased the delayed flourescence components and resulted the delay components were activated by the heat. The temperature dependency measurement was done with the setup of Cryostat.

Data courtesy of Prof. Hironori Kaji, Atsushi Wakamiya, Katsuaki Suzuki, Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto Univ.
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K. Suzuki, S. Kubo, K. Shizu, T. Fukushima, A. Wakamiya, Y. Murata, C. Adachi, H. Kaji, *Angew chem. Int. Ed.* **54**, 15231 (2015).

Related products We also offer a lineup of quantum yield measurement systems allowing diversified material evaluations on the same sample.

Fluorescence Lifetime and Absolute PL Quantum Yield

There are two processes when substances are excited by light irradiation from the ground state to excited singlet state (S_1), then deactivated to the ground state again. One is radiative process such as fluorescence and the other is a non-radiative process released as heat.

The fluorescence lifetime τ (tau) is defined as

$$k_f + k_{nr} = 1 / \tau$$

where k_f is the radiative rate constant and k_{nr} is the non-radiative constant.

On the other hand, the PL Quantum Yield (Φ) is expressed as the ratio of the number of photons emitted from molecules (PN_{em}) to that absorbed by molecules (PN_{abs}).

$$\Phi = PN_{em} / PN_{abs}$$

The PL Quantum Yield Φ is also written as

$$\Phi = k_f / (k_f + k_{nr})$$

Thus, there is a correlation between τ (tau) and Φ as shown in the following equation, and they are very important parameters for controlling the emission mechanisms of the materials.

$$k_f = \Phi / \tau$$

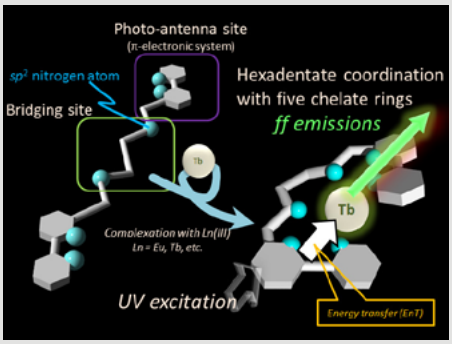
Fluorescence lifetime spectrometer
C11367 series

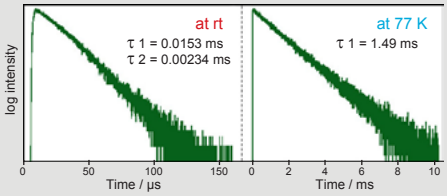
Absolute PL quantam yieled spectrometer
C11347 series

A diversified evaluation of the luminescence materials is available!

Quantaurus-Tau for measuring fluorescence lifetime and Quantaurus-QY for absolute PL quantum yield with simplified and minimized operating procedure are available for everybody.
Combination of Quantaurus-Tau and Quantaurus-QY allow users to obtain complementary analysis results.

ff luminescent characteristic of Lanthanide complex





Luminescence lifetime of Lanthanide complex

Lanthanide compound has a characteristic of high luminescent performance and is expected to apply for the variety of functional materials such as OLED, photovoltaic or a sensor. The fluorescence lifetime of a series of Lanthanide complex was measured in the acetonitrile solution (at room temperature) and the solid state (at room temperature, at 77K). A series of Lanthanide complex has Bipyridine skeleton. The remarkable difference was observed to fluorescence lifetime depending on the temperature (T) and Quantum yield (QY) of TbIII complex which has the characteristic of thermal equilibrium caused by the energy transfer between excited triplet state of ligand and the energy level of center metal.

		Temp.	τ [ms](amp.)	QY[a] [%]
EuL	In the solid state	rt	1.27 (1.0)	52.6 (±1.4)
		77 K	1.35 (1.0)	63.5 (±2.7)
	In acetonitrile	rt	1.55 (1.0)	12.0 (±0.5)
TbL	In the solid state	rt	0.0153 (0.96) 0.00234 (0.04)	1.0 (±0.2)
		77 K	1.49 (1.0)	91.5 (±1.4)
	In acetonitrile	rt	n.d.	≈ 0

[a] The values of Ln emission were based on the ligand excitation, and observed with Absolute PL quantum yield spectrometer C9920-02.

L: Ligand
amp.: amplitude
rt: room temperature

Data courtesy of Prof. Miki Hasegawa, Aoyama Gakuin Univ.

M. Hasegawa, H. Ohtsu, D. Kodama, T. Kasai, S. Sakurai, A. Ishii, and K. Suzuki, *New J. Chem.*, **38**, 1225 (2014)

Specifications

Type number	C11367-31	C11367-34	C11367-32	C11367-35
Sample	Solution, Thin-film	Solid (Thin-film, Powder)	Solution, Thin-film	Solid (Thin-film, Powder)
Detector type	Standard		NIR	
Wavelength range	300 nm to 800 nm		380 nm to 1030 nm	
Excitation light source	Seven types of LED light source (280 nm, 340 nm, 365 nm, 405 nm, 470 nm, 590 nm, 630 nm)			
Excitation light source switching	Software control			
Monochromator	Czerny-Turner monochromator			
Measurement time range	4 ns to 10 s / full scale			
Phosphorescence measurement	Phosphorescence excitation wavelength (280 nm, 340 nm, 365 nm, 405 nm, 442 nm, 470 nm, 589 nm, 632 nm)			
Time axis channel	512 ch, 1024 ch, 2048 ch, 4096 ch			
Total time resolution	< 1.0 ns FWHM (IRF with 365 nm LED)			
Analysis function	Fluorescence lifetime analysis (up to five components by exponential function fitting) and spectrum analysis			
Supported OS	Windows 7 (32 bit), Windows 7 (64 bit)			

Options

Sample box

Sample box for solution sample A12178-02

A12178-02 is a sample box for measuring the solution samples (standard: compatible with 10 mm square cells) or thin film samples. The normal sample box of C11367-31 or C11367-32 is A12178-02.

Sample box for solid sample A11551-02

A11551-02 is a sample box for measuring the powder samples or thin solid film samples. The normal sample box of C11367-34 or C11367-35 is A11551-02.

Sample box for low temperature A11797-02

A11797-02 is a sample box for setting A11238-04 when measuring the lifetime of a solution samples at liquid nitrogen temperature.

Sample box for cryostat Optistat DN A12268-01

Sample box for Optistat DN2 (Oxford Instruments).

Sample holder

Sample holder for low temperature A11238-04

This is used to cool the solution sample with liquid nitrogen.

Sample case

For solution

Side-arm cells (3 sets) A10095-02

Sample tube for low temperature measurement (5 pcs) A10095-04

This is used to measure a sample solution at liquid nitrogen temperature.

For powder

Laboratory dish without caps (5 pcs) A10095-01

Laboratory dish with caps (5 sets) A10095-03

This is used for making measurements on powder samples. This contains 5 dishes made of synthetic quartz, which suppresses fluorescence and luminescence.

Light source option

Xenon flash lamp unit for phosphorescence measurement C11567-02

Xenon flash lamp.

Band pass filter A12991- XXX

Selectable from the wavelengths of either 280 nm or 340 nm.

Band pass filter A13905- XXX

Selectable from among the following wavelengths: 365 nm, 405 nm, 442nm, 470 nm, 589 nm, 632 nm.

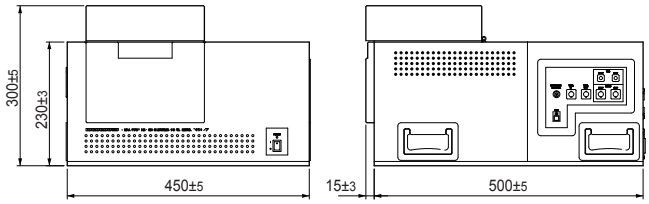
PLP-10-XXXTAU Laser diode head M12488 series

M12488 series are the dedicated laser diode heads for Quantaurus-Tau, which can be used in combination with the controller and adapter. Selectable from the following wavelength of 375 nm, 405 nm, 445 nm, 465 nm, 483 nm, 510 nm, 655 nm, 785 nm, 850 nm.

Adapter A12487-01

A12487-01 is adapter for attaching M12488 to Quantaurus-Tau. A12487-01 is used when excitation light source is the PLP-10.

Dimensional outlines (unit : mm) Weight : 32 kg



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