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**Technical Specification of Diode Laser Driver for Picosecond Pulse**

The following items are required for time domain diffuse correlation spectroscopy system. The specification as per our requirement have been mentioned against each item.

**1. Diode Laser Driver for Picosecond Pulse**

**Internal oscillator**

Type	crystal locked
Operation mode	pulsed or continuous wave (CW)
Base frequencies	80 MHz, 1 MHz (selectable)
Repetition frequencies	user selectable: 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32 of base frequency 80, 40, 20, 10, 5 or 2.5 MHz 1000, 500, 250, 125, 62.5 or 31.25 kHz
Low jitter	< 20 ps (FWHM), typ. 3-5 ps (FWHM)

**External Trigger Input**

Amplitude	-5 V to +5 V (maximum limits)
Trigger level (adjustable)	-1 V to +1 V (negative slope)
Required pulse width	> 5 ns
Delay	trigger input to optical output1: typ. $35 \pm 5$ ns , jitter < 20 ps

Frequency range	Single shot to 80 MHz
Impedance	50 Ohms (dynamic) 50 Ohms (static)
Connector type	BNC socket (female)

### Synchronization Output

Amplitude	< -800 mV into 50 Ohms (NIM)
Pulse width	6 ns
Delay	12 ns (from falling edge to laser output), jitter < 20 ps
Internal impedance	50 Ohms
Connector type	SMA socket (female)

### Gating inputs

Slow gate	transition time < 100 ms (pulsed and CW operation)
Internal impedance	> 500 Ohms
Connector type	4-pin LEMO Socket - 00.304 Series Example of connector: FGG.00.304.CLA
Fast gate	transition time typ. 10 ns (pulsed only)
Internal impedance	50 Ohms
Connector type	1-pin LEMO Socket - 00.250 Series Example of connector: FFA.00.250.NTA

## 2. Laser Head

### Beam parameters

Wave Length	780nm
Power	10-15mW
Optics focus length	$f' = 4.5 \text{ mm}$
Numerical aperture	0.55
Typical divergence (with optics)	Theta parallel Typ. 0.11 mrad Theta perpendicular Typ. 0.32 mrad
Beam shape	Elliptical shape, typ. dimensions $1.5 \times 3.5 \text{ mm}$
Polarization	typ. linear, perpendicular to the longer axis of the elliptical beam
Polarization Extinction Ratio (PER)	typ. $> 1:10$ ( $> 10 \text{ dB}$ )
Side mode suppression ratio (SMSR)	typ. $< 0.01$

### Cooling

Peltier cooling stability	better than 1 K for ambient temperature between 15 and 30 °C
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### 3. Single-photon avalanche diode (SPAD)

#### Photon detection efficiency

@ 780 nm  $\geq$  15%

#### Dark counts

SPAD sensor diameter	50 $\mu$ m
Dark count	$\leq$ 25 cps

#### Single Photon Timing Resolution

Counting output, TTL signal (FWHM)	250 ps
Timing output, NIM signal (FWHM)	down to 50 ps, increases in blue/UV spectral range

#### Input/ Output

Dead time	77 ns (typical)
Output signal	TTL for counting output and NIM for timing output
Output pulse rise and fall times	$<$ 2 ns on 10 pF load
Output pulse duration	20 ns (typical)

Gating input	TTL control (low level gates detector off)
Supply input connector	standard 3.5 mm supply socket

#### 4.

##### a. Multi-mode optical fibre.

This should be compatible with Single-photon avalanche diode (SPAD).

Specification:

- 50  $\mu\text{m}$  core diameter
- Length – 2.0 m

**b. Attenuators:** This should be compatible with Single-photon avalanche diode (SPAD) and must reduce the signal strength to protect the SPAD sensor.

Specification: 10dB

## 5. Time-Correlated Single Photon Counting (TCSPC)

Input Channels and sync	Constant level trigger on all inputs, software adjustable
Number of detector channels	4
Input voltage operating range	-1200mV to 1200mV
Input voltage maximum range	±2500 mV
Trigger edge	Falling or rising edge, software adjustable
Trigger pulse width	>0.4 ns
Trigger pulse required rise/fall time	≤ 20 ns

### Time to Digital converters

Minimum time bin width	5 ps
Timing precision*	<45 ps rms
Timing precision/ $\sqrt{2}$ *	<32 ps rms
Dead time	<650 ps (can be increased via software up to 160 ns in steps of 1 ns)
Maximum sync rate (periodic pulse train)	1.2 GHz
Adjustable programmable time offset for each input channel	±100 ns, resolution 5 ps
Differential non-linearity	< 10 % peak, < 1 % rms (over full measurement range)

### Histogrammer

Count depth	32 bit (4 294 967 295 counts)
Maximum number of time bins	65 536
Full scale time range	327 ns to 2.74 s (depending on chosen resolution: 5, 10, 20, ..., 41 943 040 ps)
Acquisition time	1 ms to 100 hours
Peak count rate per input channel	$1.5 \times 10^9$ counts/sec for burst durations up to 1.3 $\mu$ s
Total sustained count rate, sum over all input channels	$166 \times 10^6$ counts/sec (4P and 8P) $332 \times 10^6$ counts/sec (16P)

## TTTR Engine

T2 mode resolution	5 ps
T3 mode resolution	5, 10, 20, ..., 41 943 040 ps
FiFo buffer depth (records)	134 217 728 events
Acquisition time	1 ms to 100 hours
Peak count rate per input channel	$1.5 \times 10^9$ counts/sec for burst durations up to 1.3 $\mu$ s
Sustained count rate per input channel	$78 \times 10^6$ counts/sec
Total sustained count rate, sum over all input channels	$80 \times 10^6$ counts/sec

Warranty: - 01 Year.