Reach High!

The New Leica TCS SP5 – The Only Broadband Confocal
- High-speed Live Cell Imaging
- The Fastest True Confocal System
- Leading in Multispectral Imaging
- Intelligent and Intuitive Interface
Today, biological and medical research in advanced fluorescence has evolved into two different directions: on one hand scientists want to record brilliant, high-resolution images to illustrate morphological features of fixed or slowly moving live samples. On the other hand, high-speed dynamic processes in live cells are monitored by fast time-course studies, from which significant quantitative data are extracted.

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High Speed and High Resolution – All in One

Profit From the Full Range of Scan Speeds in One Single System

Why choose between a hi-resolution morphology system and a real-time live cell imaging system when you can have it all in one? As fast as you need it, as hi-res as your work demands – the new Leica TCS SP5 is a true broadband confocal and finally covers the full range of scan speeds in one single system.

Switch speed in an instant
The new Leica TCS SP5 comes with a tandem-scanning system mounted on a sliding device. This set-up enables you to easily switch between conventional and resonant scanner. Whereas the conventional scanner serves for all morphology and classical speed live cell applications, as well as beam-parking for fast intensity monitoring and FRAP (Fluorescence Recovery After Photo-bleaching) experiments, the resonant scanner provides you with a whole range of high speed options. This flexible combination makes the Leica TCS SP5 an ideal device for multi-user facilities.

The Fastest True Confocal

Full field high speed imaging
The resonant scanner of the Leica TCS SP5 enables you to acquire high speed images at large formats (full field high speed imaging). A scanning frequency of 8 kHz allows for line-frequencies up to 16 kHz and corresponding data acquisition at a time resolution of better than 65 µs. Unlike any other high-speed concept, the Leica TCS SP5 will allow you to cover a field of view of 15 mm diagonal even at high speed. Also, the full spectral tunability of SP-detection and AGBS™ is maintained for resonant scanning. Any laser combination and any emission band can be employed – full field rotation and even panning in x and y is available.

True Confocal for highest resolution, low bleaching
Using a resonant scanner for high speed scanning offers further advantages: the true confocal scanning system does not reduce optical sectioning performance, as do slit-scanners or spinning disc-systems. Plus, due to short illumination times, bleaching is reduced significantly as compared to parallel scanning.
Imagine a confocal that makes your work much more flexible. A device that supports quick decisions in the lab as well as simultaneous data acquisition while at the same time providing the highest efficiency through better transmission of emitted light. Can’t think of any? Well, Leica can. The new Leica TCS SP5. For those who want to reach higher.

**Better images in less time**

The new Leica TCS SP5 is composed of up to five true spectral channels, allowing simultaneous data acquisition at five individually tunable spectral bands. Spectral separation is performed by the patented Leica SP detection concept, employing a prism and mirror-sliders. This ensures maximal transmission of the detection module which in turn guarantees high efficiency. What does this mean for your work? Less photobleaching. And better images in less time.

**Leading in Multispectral**

The Leica TCS SP5. Highest Sensitivity. Broadband S

**Ready when you are**

Much better transmission for emitted light than with e.g. dichroic mirrors is provided by the acousto-optical beam splitter AOBS®. In addition to this higher quality standard, the system offers the option of switching quickly between sequential scans and region-of-interest scans with entirely individual excitation schemes. And whenever you need to employ new dyes or laser lines, the AOBS®, being a single optical tunable element, is immediately applicable. Or, as we say: it is ready when you are.
A tool that tunes in on your quality needs
The Leica TCS SP5 provides you with unique sensitivity in confocal microscopy by combining three quickly tunable devices – AOTF (Acousto-Optical Tunable Filter), AOBS* and SP-Detector (Spectrophotometer Detector).

Need more options? Here you go
Perform FLIM (Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging) data acquisition with the spectral detector and tune continuously the emission bands. This option enormously widens the application range of FLIM. Plus it permits the investigation of wavelength dependencies of fluorescence lifetime.

This high flexibility for multi-parameter fluorescence is also applied to a non-descanning detection module for four channels reflected light, and four channels transmitted light is available. It supplies wavelength separation by secondary beam splitters and barrier filters on motorized and computer controlled wheels. An emission port for individual purposes is used for fluorescence cross correlation spectroscopy, 2-channel FCS (Fluorescence Correlation Spectroscopy), or serves as an online ROI (Region Of Interest) spectrometer, enabling you to record and display emission spectra online. The combination of FCS via the emission port and spectral FLIM by internal SP detectors makes the instrument ready for both FCS and FLIM.

“The Acousto Optical Beam Splitter has revolutionized confocal fluorescence microscopy. Maximum sensitivity and applicability of multiple light sources gives real advantages for our scientific work.”

Prof. Alberto Diaspro
Department of Physics
University of Genoa
Genoa, Italy

- Maximum transmission with prism-based Leica SP detector
- 5 spectral confocal channels (max)
- Extreme sensitivity with Leica AOBS*
- 8 non-descanned channels (max) *
- Online ROI-spectrometer *
- APD (Avalanche Photo Diode) detection for ultimate sensitivity *
- Spectral FLIM, 2 channels
- Dual channel FCS *
- Auxiliary emission port *
- Very fast beam path configuration
- Most effective channel separation
* optional
There are a lot of good tools out there. Think of all the things you could do, if you had access to all of them. The new Leica TCS SP5 takes you a big step closer to this dream. Because it takes further the most advanced technical concepts currently available. And unites them in one single system.

SuperZ stage
Distortion-free recording of large 3D stacks and live vertical sectioning of the specimen is enabled by the new galvanometer-driven backlash-free focusing stage, moving parallel over a large 1.5 mm range – a precondition for perfect imaging results.

From UV to IR within one single system
Three different laser ports in just one system – this concept of multiplicity provides excitation from UV to IR. This means you can simultaneously work with UV dyes, visible dyes and multiphoton microscopy while covering excitation from 350 nm to 1050 nm. The range of spectral detection reaches from 400 nm to 800 nm.

The big picture: a larger image field at your disposal
The Leica TCS SP5 offers you an entirely new scanner concept for working with high frame rates, up to 250 fps, with full performance over the whole field of view (15 mm resonant, 22 mm conventional). And with frame sizes up to 8192 x 8192 pixels (64 Mpix), optical resolution in such a large field is easily transported – without losing time on cumbersome multi-frame mosaic procedures.

Unique Options for High-Quality Results
Combining the Best Hardware in One System.

The intelligent base
Designed around our high specification automated Leica DM/DMI Digital Research Microscopes, performance and flexibility enable outstanding results. The unique range of CS objectives, tested and selected for confocal applications, turns the Leica TCS SP5 into a powerful solution – tailored to your research needs.

- Precise optical sectioning with SuperZ Galvo stage
- UV, VIS and IR in one system
- Excitation range 350–1050 nm
- 405 nm imaging
- D-FLIM 405 nm
- IR Laser
- Up to 64 Megapixels/image, field rotation 200°, also for resonant scan

Leica TCS SP5 – Detection module
Proven SP-detection by Leica for both standard imaging and 2-channel FLIM – that is what lies at the heart of our new confocal microscope. This innovative combination allows for true spectral FLIM data acquisition, taking you to an entirely new dimension of fluorescence imaging.

Additionally, fluorescence cross correlation spectroscopy (FCCS) can be performed with the same instrument: Leica TCS SP5.
Step 1: Setup

Step 2: Bleach

Step 3: Time course

FRAP Wizard

Step 4: FRAP result
Time is precious. Of course you want to have answers to your scientific questions as quickly as possible. The new Leica TCS SP5 system comes with a user-friendly workflow based software package that lets you concentrate on what is worth your attention: research with high-quality results.

We are used to setting standards
Leica pioneered user-guiding software in 1995 by introducing workflow arrows to guide the user step by step through the process of sensible data recording. Ever since, this concept has been refined and improved to constitute the main base for our new user interface: Leica LAS AF (Leica Application Suite Advanced Fluorescence).

Standardized software for easy use and compatibility
Leica LAS AF is the platform for all software in Leica Microsystems. This ensures compatibility of different applications with different hardware, covering the whole range of microscopy and imaging equipment from Leica Microsystems.

Since all Leica software is identically structured, once you are trained to use one of our applications, you will easily learn to operate completely unrelated applications – saving time and training effort.

Intelligent and Intuitive Interface
High Usability for High Ambitions.

The clearly structured user interface is designed for easy, ergonomic use. It takes you through all necessary steps, always showing current options while hiding currently irrelevant ones. You do not have to be an IT expert to configure your own tools. After all, we know that you need to concentrate on what is really important – your research results.

Software that really works for you
In addition to the basic applications, Leica offers you a whole range of extended applications. Software wizards for FRAP, FLIP (Fluorescence Loss In Photobleaching) and FRET (Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer) are designed to support your workflow and efficiency. The benefits are obvious: no need for configuring tools. You can fully concentrate on your work.

“Enormous flexibility and significantly improved transparency are the benefits which we gain from the Leica SP detection module.”

Prof. Fujio Murakami
Neuroscience Laboratories
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Dr. Norbert Perrimon
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