



INTRODUCTION

Biological Atomic Force Microscope (Bio-AFM) is one of the most important tools for studying samples in biology.

Bio-AFM provides an appropriate platform for merging atomic force microscope and optical microscope in biological research projects.

The ability of Bio-AFM to capture images in various environments along with different operation modes allows scientists to study the structure and properties of living cells and other biological samples such as DNA and RNA, proteins, viruses, bacteria, tissues, etc. The microscope uses physical scanning for nano imaging and sample preparation is relatively simple and does not require **freezing**, **metal coating**, **vacuum**, or **dye injection**.

APPLICATIONS

- Imaging biological samples with high resolution in buffer solution.
- Topographical imaging down to angstrom scale resolution from live organisms.
- Investigation of intermolecular forces (force spectroscopy) in biological structures.
- Nano-scale study of mechanical properties of biological Samples.

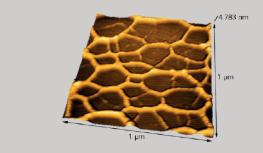
- Investigation of the Ligand-Receptor binding.
- The Antibody-Antigen interactions studies.
- Study of the unfolding of proteins.
- **Cutting out different sections** of chromosome for genetic analysis by applying directed force.
- ▶ The possibility of performing Chemical Lithography.



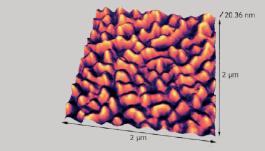
KEY FEATURES

- Simultaneous use of an inverted microscope and a digital microscope from above during scanning.
- Easing optical adjustments by changing the laser optical path.
- A modern and easy way of **tip fixation** with a **vacuum pen**.
- Accurate fixing of tip position by using Chip Alignment template.
- Optimum and easy application due to head weight reduction.
- Fast, automatic, and safe approach at any distance of tip and sample.
- Single LAN cable connection of the device to the computer.
- Improvement of the user-friendly interface for the system software.
- Ability to view and save optical images in addition to nano-scanned images.

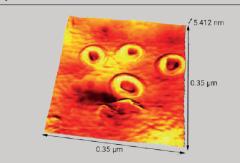
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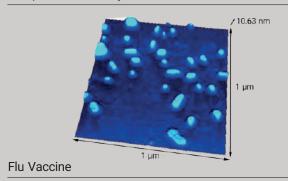
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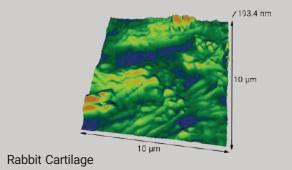


Bee's eye



Tau proteins after injection





■ AFM and INVERTED MICROSCOPE INTEGRATION

A: Biological samples are viewed from under neath by an inverted optical microscope. The Bio-AFM model can be coupled with desired types of inverted microscopes according to the client's needs.

- B: Exposure from above and the possibility of adding a condenser and optical filters with different color spectrums to view all kinds of biological samples such as cells, viruses, etc.
- C: The possibility of viewing the inverted image as CCD output or through ocular lenses according to the user's choice.
- The possibility of being equipped with an inverted fluorescent microscope.





■ OBJECTIVE LENSES & COARSE/FINE ADJUSTMENTS

A: Bio-AFM is equipped with objective lenses for inverted displaying samples with high resolution and magnification at scales of 4, 10, 20, and 40 X.

Easy replacement of objective lenses with user demanded magnifications.

B: Accurately performing **focusing operation** in order to obtain high-resolution images by using **coarse** and **fine** adjustments.





■ SAMPLE HOLDER

- Equipped with a large liquid cell for imaging biological buffer matrices, physiological conditions, and other solvents.
- The minimum effect of the liquid environment on the quality and clarity of the images due to using the world's latest standards and methodologies.
- The liquid cell is made of material resistant to chemical effects, thermal changes, and environmental pH.
- Capability of simple and quick slide replacement for imaging the surfaces of different samples in air.
- Newly designed scanner to reduce noise level.
- Increasing the scanning range to 50 μm and the possibility of customizing to $100 \mu m$ range.

DIGITAL OPTICAL MICROSCOPE

- The possibility to observe the opaque sample from the top during scanning using an advanced digital optical microscope.
- **No need for a head** in the use of a digital microscope for various optical analysis.
- Determination of the precise location in the scan step, accurate and fast imaging thanks to the smart design of optical parts.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Electronics Scanner Plug and Play control box XV Scanner ADC and DAC Channels 50 µm maximum XY scan range (The possibility to customize 4 Channel ADC 24bit to 100 µm) 4 Channel DAC 24bit 1 nm XY resolution Signal processing Z Scanner 40 MHz Frequency zynq processor 3 um Maximum Z movement range Integrated functions 0.1 nm Z resolution 100 MB/sec Via LAN Software Stage XY Stage Data acquisition Real-time 100 MB/sec Microsoft Windows compatible Mechanical Stage 12 mm Travel range Head Stage Integrated optical view windows for sample and cantilever Mechanical XY stage: Positioning cantilever in the center vision Monitoring all system signals with a high-rated oscilloscope of the objective lens Auto saving captured images in the software gallery Sample Mount Scanning zoom-selected area on captured images 75 x 26 mm microscope slide mounting Automatic fast approach of the cantilever to the sample Customized 50 mm culture dish surface (Auto Fast Approach) Slide and culture dish holder spring Image processing -10 V to +10 V Bias voltage range to the sample Independent software for image processing, data analysis, and presentation **Inverted Microscope** The capability of exporting different data of images See Table of Inverted Microscope Items Built-in with all Microsoft OS **AFM Unit** Dedicated all in one (AIO) Computer Plug and Play 21" Display Monitor: 1920 *1080 Resolution **Dimension** 580 mm × 370 mm × 600 mm The latest generation of processors 8 GB RAM Net Weight 20 Kg Head **Options** High precision adjustment micrometer Top View Optical Microscope 8-Megapixel resolution, color Optic designed for both dry and liquid environments 60X to 600X Optical zoom 670 nm Laser frequency Integrated lighting 5 mW Maximum laser diode power Include microscope dimmer High-grade quadruple photo-diode Dithering mechanism XV Scanner Optimized optical path design Possibility to customize the XY scan range to 100 µm Spring lever tip holder mechanism Chip alignment mount for accurate tip mounting Tip changing kit Head Z actuators Vacuum pen 3 independent Z positioning actuator for Leveling ability 15 mm Travel range **Functional Kits** 40 nm Movement steps Fly Kit Automatic engagement of the cantilever to the sample surface (Auto Fast Approach) Magnetic Force Microscopy (MFM) Electric Force Microscopy (EFM) **Accessories** Phase imaging Sample mounting kit The sample substrate **Pro Contact Kit** Various types of cantilevers Lateral Force Microscopy (LFM) Tweezers and magnet box Force Spectroscopy head-holder unit Mechanical Nano-Lithography **Experts Kit** Chemical Nano-Lithography **Standard Modes** ▶ Force Modulation Microscopy (FMM) Contact Mode (Static, DC) Conductive AFM (C-AFM) Non-Contact Mode (Dynamic, AC) Kelvin Probe Force Microscopy (KPFM) ■ Tapping Mode (Semi-Contact, Intermittent-Contact) ▶ Piezo response Force Microscopy (PFM)

Any requirement for specific applications or modifications can be customized.

INVERTED MICROSCOPE ITEMS

Head	Seidentopf Trinocular Head Inclined 45°, Interpupillary Distance 48~76mm, Light Split Switch E100:P0 / E20:P80	
Eyepiece	WF10x/22mm, Dia.30mm, High Eyepoint, Diopter Adjustable	
Nosepiece	Quintuple	
LWD Infinity Plan Objectives	LPL 4 × / 0.11	W.D. = 12.1 mm
	LPLAN 10 × / 0.25	W.D. = 8.3 mm
	LPLAN 20 × / 0.40	W.D. = 7.2 mm
	LPLAN 40 × / 0.60	W.D. = 3.4 mm
LWD Infinity Plan Fluorescent Objectives	L Plan FL 10 x / 0.25	W.D.= 10.3 mm
	L Plan FL 20 x / 0.45	W.D.= 5.8 mm
	L Plan FL 40 x / 0.65	W.D.= 5.1 mm
LWD Infinity Plan Phase Contrast Fluorescent Objectives Newly Update 2021	L Plan FL PHP 20x / 0.45	W.D.= 5.8 mm
	L Plan FL PHP 40x / 0.65	W.D.= 5.1 mm
Phase Contrast	Centering Telescope 11x	
Annular Spot	4x	
	20x / 40x	
	10x	
Working Stage	Mechanical Stage Size 210 x 241mm, Round Slide Size Φ110mm	
Condenser	Long Working Distance, Quickly Detachable, N.A.0.3, Working Distance 72 mm (With Condenser), 195 mm (Without Condenser).	
Transmit Illumination	Koehler Illumination Halogen 6V/30 W, Input Voltage 100 V ~ 240 V	
Filter	Blue, Dia.34 mm	
Reflect Illumination	Green, Dia.34 mm	
Inverted Fluorescent	Optional	

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