



Features and Benefits

Peak QE up to 95%

Visible-optimized 'BVF', infrared-optimized 'BR-DD' and broadband UV-NIR 'BEX2-DD' model

Fringe suppression technology as standard (BVF and BR-DD models)

Fringing greatly reduced (Deep-Depletion) or minimized (Back-Thinned 'BVF')

• Extended range dual-AR option Superior UV-NIR broadband QE

• TE cooling down to -100°C

Critical for elimination of dark current detection limit - no inconvenience associated with LN₂

• Ultravac™ •1

Critical for sustained vacuum integrity and to maintain unequalled cooling and QE performance, year after year

Single UV-grade fused silica window

Best UV-NIR throughput performance, specific AR coating and wedge options available

USB 2.0 connection

Ideal for laptop operation Seamless operation alongside USB-based Shamrock spectrograph family

26 x 26 μm pixels

Optimized pixel format for high dynamic range and resolution

• Software-selectable pre-amplifier gain Choice of best SNR performance or dynamic

range at the touch of a button

Compact and rugged platform

Ideal for OEM integration & laboratory setupsSolis software for Spectroscopy

Comprehensive, user-friendly interface for simultaneous detector & spectrograph control

Software Development Kit (SDK)

Ease of control integration into complex setups: Matlab, Labview, Visual Basic or C/C++

Integrated in EPICS

Platform is fully integrated into the EPICS control software

Workhorse laboratory and OEM CCD platform

The USB2.0-based iDus series is a compact, yet feature-rich platform suitable for demanding spectroscopy applications such as low-light UV/NIR Photoluminescence or Raman spectroscopy, as well as day-to-day routine laboratory operation and integration into industry-grade systems.

The iDus 420 boasts market-leading deep thermo-electric cooling to -100°C, complemented by Andor's Ultravac™ technology with its un-matched reliability track record in the scientific and industrial community. The iDus low-noise electronics allows seamless access to the best signal-to-noise ratio performance for the widest range of photon detection regimes.

This 1024 x 255 pixel matrix boasts a range of far UV and VIS-optimized back-thinned sensors & NIR-optimized back-illuminated sensor options. Its 26µm pixel size is optimized for high dynamic range and high resolution, while its 6.6 mm height is ideal for multi-track spectroscopy.

Specifications Summary *2

Active pixels	1024 x 255 (1024 x 256 for Bx-DD model)
Pixel size (W x H)	26 x 26 μm
Image area	26.6 x 6.6 mm
Register well depth (typical)	1,000,000 e ⁻
Maximum cooling	-100°C
Maximum spectra per sec	88
Read noise	As low as 4 e ⁻
Dark current	As low as 0.0004 e ⁻ /pixel/sec



Key Specifications *2

Model number	DV420A	DU420A	DU420A Bx-DD		
Sensor options	BU: Back Illuminated CCD, UV-Enhanced, 350 nm optimized BU2: Back Illuminated CCD, UV-Enhanced, 250 nm optimized BVF: Back Illuminated CCD, VIS optimized with anti-fringing OE: Open Electrode CCD	BU: Back Illuminated CCD, UV-Enhanced, 350 nm optimized BU2: Back Illuminated CCD, UV-Enhanced, 250 nm optimized BVF: Back Illuminated CCD, VIS optimized with anti-fringing OE: Open Electrode CCD	BR-DD: Back Illuminated, Deep Depletion CCD with anti-fringing BEX2-DD: Back Illuminated, Deep Depletion CCD with anti-fringing, extended range dual AR coating		
Active pixels *3	1024 x	1024 x 256			
Pixel size	26 x 26 μm				
Image area	26.6 x 6.6 mm with 100% fill factor				
Minimum temperatures *4					
Air cooled Coolant recirculator Coolant chiller, coolant @ 10 °C, 0.75 l/min	-55°C -65°C -70°C	-80°C -95°C -100°C	-80°C -95°C -100°C		
Max spectra per second *5	88 (10 rows crop mode), 75 (Full Vertical Bin), 65 (Open Electrode, Full Vertical Bin)				
System window type	BVF, FI, UV, UVB, OE sensors: UV-grade fused silica, 'Broadband VUV-NIR', unwedged BR-DD sensor: UV-grade fused silica, 'VIS-NIR enhanced', wedged BEX2-DD sensor: UV-grade fused silica, 'Broadband VUV-NIR', wedged (Various AR coatings & MgF ₂ options available)				
Blemish specifications	Grade 1 as per sensor manufacturer definition				

Advanced Specifications •2

Dark current, e'/pixel/sec @ max cooling OE BU / BU2 BVF Bx-DD		0.0014 0.05 0.03			0.0004 0.002 0.002			- - - 0.008	
Register well depth					1,000,000 €	e ⁻			
Read noise (e') *6	33 kHz	50 kHz	100 kHz	33 kHz	50 kHz	100 kHz	33 kHz	50 kHz	100 kHz
OE: Typ (Max)	4 (6)	4 (6)	9 (11)	4 (6)	4 (6)	9 (11)	-	-	-
BU, BU2, BVF: Typ (Max)	6 (8)	7 (9)	10 (12)	6 (8)	7 (9)	10 (12)	-	-	-
BEX2-DD, BR-DD: Typ (Max)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 (6)	5 (7)	10 (13)
Sensitivity (e ⁻ /count)	33 kHz	50 kHz	100 kHz	33 kHz	50 kHz	100 kHz	33 kHz	50 kHz	100 kHz
High Dynamic Range mode	2	3.5	15	2	3.5	15	2.5	4.0	17
High Sensitivity mode	-	2.5	9	-	2.5	9	-	2.5	11
Linearity *7	Better than 99%								
Digitization	16 bit								
Vertical clock speed *8	8, 16, 32, 64 µs (software selectable)								

Have you found what you are looking for?

Need a smaller sensor? The iDus 401 series is similar to the 420 series with 26.6 x 3.3 mm format and 1024 x 127 pixels.

Need to work further into the NIR? The iDus InGaAs series, with up to 1024 pixel linear array with transmission to 2.2 μm.

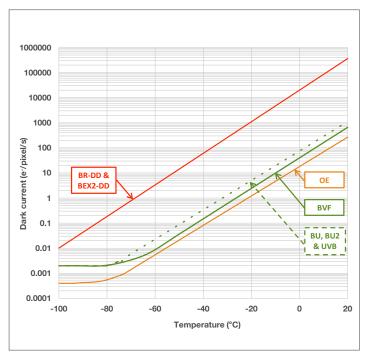
Need a faster or more sensitive CCD? The Newton series offers over 1,600 spectra per second and EM technology.

Need a customized version? Please contact us to discuss our Customer Special Request options.

The iDus series combines seamlessly with Andor's research grade Shamrock Czerny-Turner spectrographs.

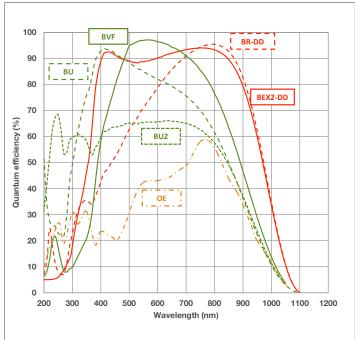


Dark Current **

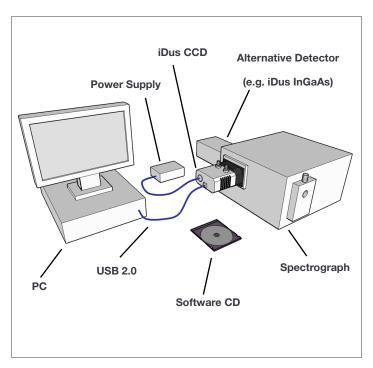


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25°C

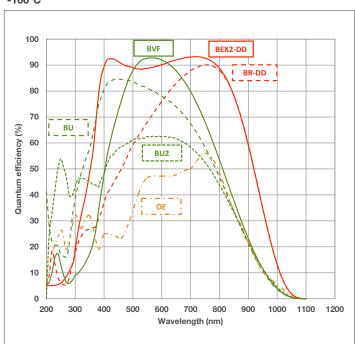


Typical Setup



Quantum Efficiency Curves ***

-100°C





Creating the Optimum Product for you





Step 1. Choose the cooling option



Description	Code
Standard cooling: (Air cooled: -55°C, Coolant recirculator: -65°C, Coolant chiller, coolant @ 10°C, 0.75 l/min: -70°C) (not a valid option with the BR-DD model)	DV
Deep cooling: (Air cooled: -80°C, Coolant recirculator: -95°C, Coolant chiller, coolant @ 10°C, 0.75 l/min: : -100°C)	DU

Choose the sensor type option Step 2.



Sensor Type

Description	Code
Back Illuminated, Deep Depletion CCD with fringe suppression and extended range dual AR coating	BEX2-DD
Back Illuminated, Deep Depletion CCD with anti-fringing	BR-DD
Back Illuminated CCD, Blue optimized AR coating for Spectroscopy	BU
Back Illuminated CCD, AR coated for optimized performance in the 250 nm region	BU2
Back Illuminated CCD, Vis optimized with anti-fringing	BVF
Open Electrode CCD	OE

Step 3. Select an alternative camera window (optional)



The standard window has been selected to satisfy most applications. However, other options are available. The alternative camera window code must be specified at time of ordering.

To view and select other window options please refer to the 'Camera Windows Supplementary Specification Sheet' which gives the transmission characteristics, product codes and procedure for entering the order. Further detailed information on the windows can be found in the Technical note - 'Camera Windows: Optimizing for Different Spectral Regions'.

Step 4. Select the required accessories and adapters



Description	Order Code
Coolant re-circulator for enhanced cooling performance	XW-RECR
Oasis 160 Ultra Compact Chiller Unit (tubing to be ordered separately)	ACC-XW-CHIL-160
6 mm tubing option for ACC-XW-CHIL-160	ACC-6MM-TUBING-2xxxxM
C-mount lens adaptor	LM-C
F-mount lens adaptor	LM-NIKON-F
Nikon F-mount lens adaptor with shutter	LMS-NIKON-F-NS25B
Shutter Driver for NS25B Bistable Shutter (not needed for Shamrock spectrographs)	ACC-SD-VDM1000
Bistable Shutter, Standalone (not needed for Shamrock spectrographs)	ACC-SHT-NS25B

Spectrograph Compatibility

The iDus series is fully compatible with Andor's Shamrock spectrograph (163 - 750 nm focal lengths) family. Spectrograph mounting flanges and software control are available for a wide variety of 3rd party spectrographs including McPherson (including 1 m and greater focal length option), JY/Horiba (excluding USB models), PI/Acton, Chromex/Bruker, Oriel/Newport, Photon Design, Dongwoo, Bentham, Solar TII and others.

Step 5. Select the required software

The iDus requires at least one of the following software options:



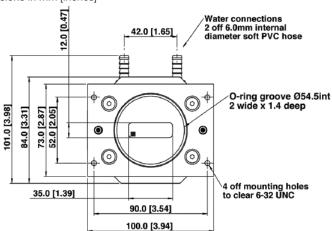
Solis for Spectroscopy A 32-bit and fully 64-bit enabled application for Windows (XP, Vista, 7 and 8) offering rich functionality for data acquisition and processing. AndorBasic provides macro language control of data acquisition, processing, display and export. Control of Andor Shamrock spectrographs and a very wide range of 3rd party spectrographs is also available, see list below.

Andor SDK A software development kit that allows you to control the Andor range of cameras from your own application. Available as 32 and 64-bit libraries for Windows (XP, Vista, 7 and 8) and Linux. Compatible with C/C++, C#, Delphi, VB6, VB.NET, LabVIEW and Matlab.

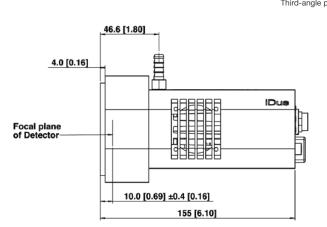


Product Drawings

Dimensions in mm [inches]



■= position of pixel 1,1 Weight: 2 kg [4 lb 8 oz]



Connecting to the iDus

Camera Control

Connector type: USB 2.0

TTL / Logic

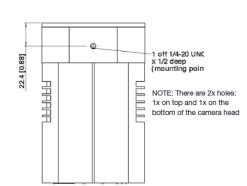
Connector type: SMB, provided with SMB - BNC cable

1 = Fire (Output), 2 = External Trigger (Input), 3 = Shutter (Output)

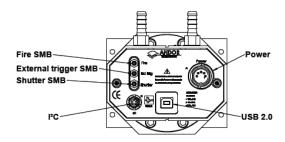
Compatible with Fischer SC102A054-130

1 = Shutter (TTL), $2 = I^2C$ Clock, $3 = I^2C$ Data, 4 = +5 Vdc, 5 = Ground

Minimum cable clearance required at rear of camera 90 mm



Mounting hole locations



Rear connector panel

Applications Guide	BU / BU2 models	BVF models	BR-DD models	BEX2-DD models	OE models
Absorption/Transmittance/Reflection	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	1
Atomic Emission Spectroscopy	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	1
Fluorescence & Luminescence	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	1
NIR Spectroscopy			✓	\checkmark	1
Raman Spectroscopy (244 – 488 nm)	✓	\checkmark			1
Raman Spectroscopy (514, 531, 633 nm)	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Raman Spectroscopy (785, 830 nm)			✓	\checkmark	1
UV-VIS-NIR Broadband Spectroscopy				✓	✓

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= Optimum





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Items shipped with your camera:

1x 2m BNC - SMB conection cable 1x 3m USB 2.0 cable Type A to Type B 1x Set of Allen keys (7/64" & 3/32")

1x Power supply with mains cable

1x Quick launch guide

1x CD containing Andor user guides

1x Individual system performance booklet

1x CD containing either Solis software or SDK (if ordered)

Footnotes: specifications are subject to change without notice

- Assembled in a state-of-the-art facility, Andor's UltraVac[™] vacuum process combines a
 permanent hermetic vacuum seal (no o-rings), with a stringent protocol and proprietary
 materials to minimize outgassing. Outgassing is the release of trapped gases that would
 otherwise degrade cooling performance and potentially cause sensor failure.
- 2. Figures are typical unless otherwise stated.
- 3. Edge pixels may exhibit a partial response.
- 4. Minimum temperatures listed are typical values with ambient temperature of 25°C.
- 5. Based on a Horizontal Pixel Readout of 100 kHz and a vertical pixel shift of 8 μ s. Due to the nature of the Open Electrode sensor, the minimum Vertical Shift Speed (VSS) available is 32 μ s, which will produce a lower maximum spectral rate compared to other models in the series.
- 6. Readout Noise is for the entire system. It is a combination of CCD readout noise and A/D noise. Measurement is for Single Pixel readout with the CCD at a temperature of -50°C (Bx-DD models tested at -80°C) and minimum exposure time under dark conditions.
 Noise is measured at the highest available pre-amplifier gain for each speed.
- Linearity is measured from a plot of counts vs exposure time under constant photon flux up to the saturation point of the system.
- 8. Vertical speeds are software selectable. All sensors are designed to give optimum Charge Transfer Efficiency (CTE) at 16 µs vertical pixel shift (32 µs for Open Electrode model), some decrease in CTE may be observed at faster shift speeds.
- The graph shows typical dark current level as a function of temperature. The dark current measurement is averaged over the CCD area excluding any regions of blemishes.
- 10. Quantum efficiency of the sensor as supplied by the sensor manufacturer.



Minimum Computer Requirements:

- 3.0 GHz single core or 2.4 GHz multi core processor
- 2 GB RAM
- 100 MB free hard disc to install software (at least
 1 GB recommended for data spooling)
- USB 2.0 High Speed Host Controller capable of sustained rate of 40 MB/s
- Windows (XP, Vista 7 and 8) or Linux

Operating & Storage Conditions

- Operating Temperature: 0°C to 30°C ambient
- Relative Humidity: < 70% (non-condensing)
- Storage Temperature: -25°C to 50°C

Power Requirements

• 100 - 240 VAC, 50 - 60 Hz





















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