LINCam
Single photon counting camera.

LINCam is a solution for scanning-free time correlated single photon counting implemented as a camera. This camera resolves x and y positions of individual photons as precise as a CCD with 1000 × 1000 pixels does together with 50 ps accuracy timing. Being paired with a pulsed light source LINCam turns any conventional fluorescence microscope into a powerful lifetime measuring instrument. LINCam with attached off-the-shelf optics is a solution for macroscopic applications like LIDAR.
In other words, LINCam is just a camera. As easy as an ordinal megapixel CCD camera but extended with the timing dimension.
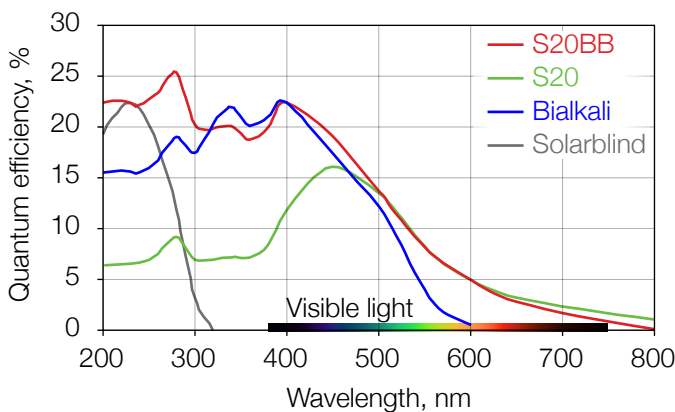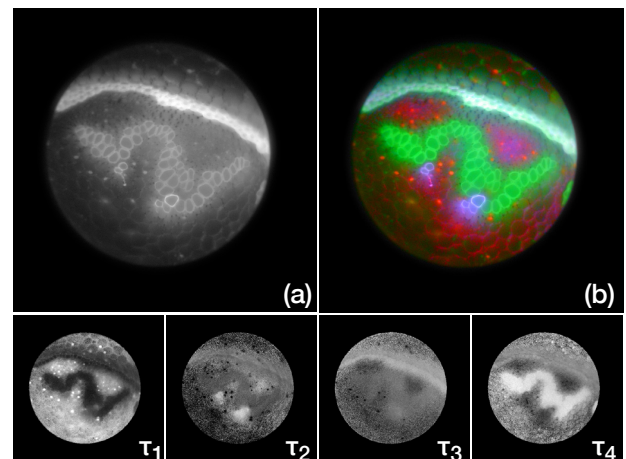

LINCam25 with C-mount

LINCam40 with T-mount

Spectral sensitivity

- S20BB
- S20
- Bialkali
- Solarblind

Quantum efficiency, %

Wavelength, nm

Visible light

Applications

- Fluorescence lifetime imaging (FLIM)
- Light-sheet 3D FLIM
- Time resolved Raman spectroscopy
- Time-of-Flight measurements
- Low-light observations

Example image

Fluorescence lifetime measurement of a lily of the valley slice sample. The intensity image **(a)** is a histogram of the positions of acquired photons. Lifetime analysis* reveals four lifetime components: $\tau_1 = 0{,}19$; $\tau_2 = 0{,}67$; $\tau_3 = 1{,}95$ and $\tau_4 = 3{,}75$ ns. The resulting overlay image **(b)** of the intensity image and average lifetime is shown.

(a)　(b)

τ_1　τ_2　τ_3　τ_4

* by maximum entropy method (MEM)

Acquisition system

Universal electronics and software for LINCam25 and LINCam40.

Detector

	LINCam25	LINCam40
Active area diameter, mm	25	40
Positional resolution, pixels	1000 × 1000	
Temporal resolution, ps FWHM	≤ 50	
Microscope mount	C-mount	T-mount
Housing dimentions, mm	145 × 78 × 50	145 × 100 × 53
Weight, g	500	600
Cooling	Low noise Air or Liquid	

Acquisition system

Maximal count rate, MHz	1
Dead time, ns	400
Timing	
Method	TAC + ADC
Minimum bin width, ps	≤ 1,4
Electrical resolution, ps	6
Number of bins	4096
Reference input	Positive or negative NIM
Time tagging resolution, ns	10
Computer interface	USB 2.0
Operating system	Windows 7/10 64 Bit