

AVUS SP

Short-pulse Optical Parametric Amplifier

Short-pulses for Microscopy & Spectroscopy

- With pulse durations below 70 femtoseconds, AVUS SP (Short Pulse) is available as high-power optical parametric amplifier (OPA) for Yb fiber laser systems.
- AVUS SP generates two independent output beams. The signal output ranges from 650 to 920 nm, and the idler output from 1150 to 2500 nm.
- The powerful short-pulse compression unit provides not only pulse compression but also dispersion compensation, and is therefore ideally suited for Multi-Photon Microscopy as well as Time-Resolved Spectroscopy.



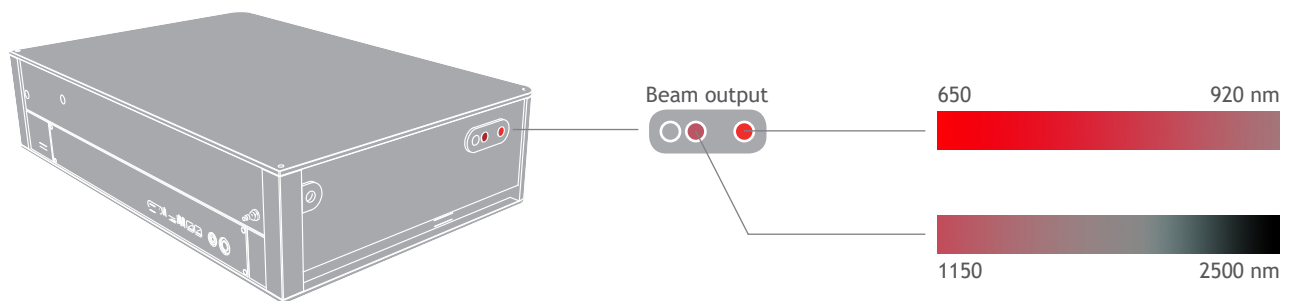
Short-pulses with AVUS SP in combination with Pulse Compression & Dispersion Compensation

- OPA for 1 μm pump laser
- Up to 50 W pumping power
- Pulse durations of 70 fs and below
- Pulse compression & dispersion compensation
- Completely automated and fully computer controlled
- Air-cooling and monolithic case for long-term stability
- 24/7 integrated performance monitoring of both laser system and AVUS
- TCP/IP remote control with standardized command set for easy programming

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Two Wavelength-Ranges - Independently

- APE's AVUS SP provides reliable short femtosecond pulses available in two independent beams: The signal output ranging from 650 ... 920 nm is ideally suited for 2-photon-experiments. The idler output ranging from 1150 ... 2500 nm opens the door for 3-photon-microscopy requiring high peak power.



Two beams independently

Signal beam (650 ... 920 nm) and idler beam (1150 ... 2500 nm) are independently but also simultaneously available.

Pulse Compression & Dispersion Compensation

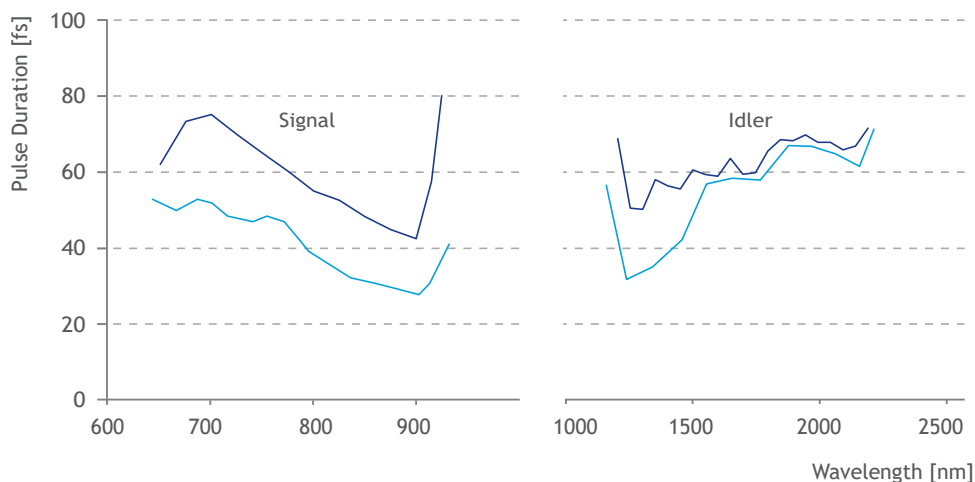
- Unlimited freedom: AVUS SP is delivered *with* or *without* pulse compression and dispersion compensation. Depending on your requirements, AVUS SP will be commissioned accordingly. Typical requirements may be, for example:
- Longer pulse durations in the range 150 - 200 fs (without pulse compression)
- Short pulse durations in the range of 40 - 70 fs, e.g. pump probe experiments
- Short pulse durations with full control over a larger dispersion range, e.g. for microscope setups

Typical Applications

- Three-photon microscopy
- Two-photon microscopy
- Pump probe spectroscopy
- Time-resolved spectroscopy

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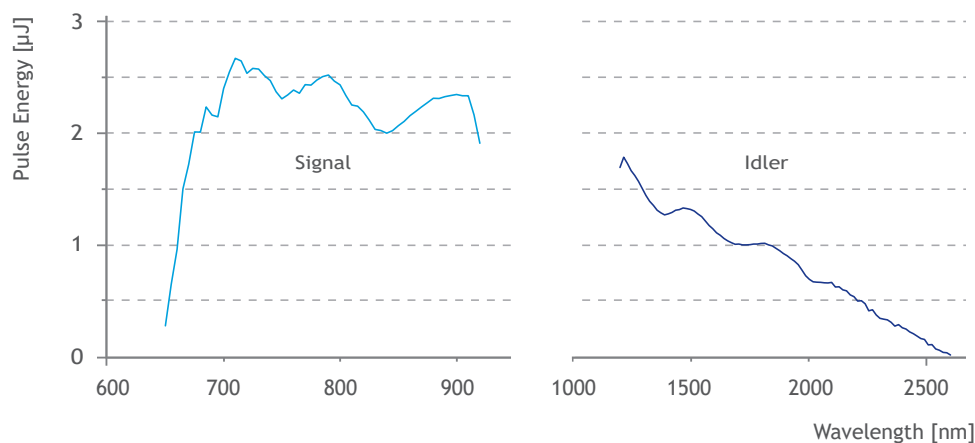
Pulse Duration Signal & Idler Beam (Compressed)



Pulse width of signal and idler beam, both compressed, measured at 40 μ J pump energy.

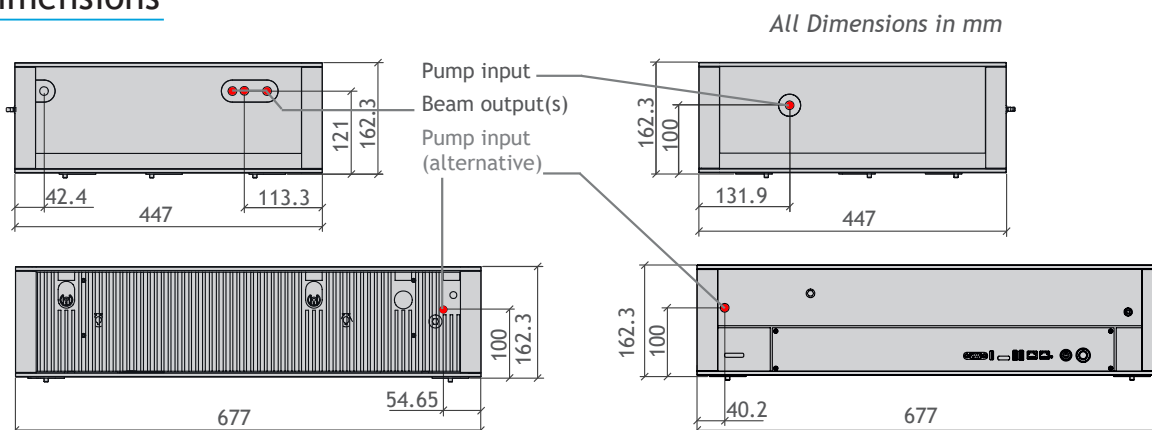
— Pulse Duration
— Transform Limit

Pulse Energy Signal & Idler Beam



Pulse energy of both signal and idler beam, measured at 40 μ J pump energy.

Dimensions



AVUS SP Specifications

Pump Laser Parameters

Input Laser Type	fs based laser systems
Input Power Input Energy	Up to 50 W 8 ... 200 μ J
Input Center Wavelength	1020 ... 1070 nm
Input Polarization	Any orientation, linear
Repetition Rate	Up to 1 MHz; others on request
Pulse Width	200 ... 400 fs, others on request

Main Specifications

Conversion Efficiency at Peak	10 %, Signal + Idler; measured at 20 W input power
Pulse Width	< 70 fs for Signal beam (~ 200 fs uncompressed) < 70 fs for Idler beam (~ 150 fs uncompressed)
Tuning Range	650 ... 920 nm (Signal beam) 1150 ... 2500 nm (Idler beam) Option: 325 ... 460 nm (SHG from Signal beam)
Output Bandwidth	170 ... 300 cm^{-1} (typical)
Polarization	Horizontal
Performance Monitoring	Integrated 24/7 monitoring and data logging of both pump laser and OPA condition (e.g. beam position / pointing, repetition rate, pulse energy)
Beam Routing and Separation	Integrated, fully automated
Mechanical Design; Cooling	Monolithic; Air-Cooled
Software, PC, and Automation	Included (Embedded PC)
Remote Control	Possible via TCP/IP (SCPI command set), Windows Remote Desktop

Pulse Compression & Dispersion Compensation

Optionally Available	
Dispersion Range	Different configurations possible; negative or positive pre-compensation possible

Additional Outputs (Option)

Output SHG Signal (UV)	325 ... 460 nm (SHG from Signal beam)
Output SHG Laser	~ 515 nm (or SHG from fundamental wavelength of the laser)
Output Bypass Input Laser	~ 1030 nm (or fundamental wavelength of the laser)

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