

High-Precision Vacuum Scanning Force Microscope



NanoScan VLS-80

Presenting the next generation of NanoScan's high-precision Scanning Force Microscope: the Vacuum Large Stage SFM sets the standard in sample navigation by providing high-accuracy calibrated stage motion along with excellent positional reproducibility. High-vacuum enhances the Q-factor for outstanding measurement sensitivity. Closed-loop scanner electronics, large sample stage and a variable magnetic field option all combine to provide an instrument that defines a new state-of-the-art in scanning force microscopy.



VLS-80 *Key Specifications*

Scan Range

• xyz: 80 × 80 × 10 μm³, closed-loop operation

• Scan linearity better than 0.1%

Microscope Resolution

• Digitally-controlled 20-bit scanner

Lateral (XY) / normal (Z) bit resolution: 0.8 / 0.1 Å

MFM lateral resolution: 10 nm

Sample Stage

Sample size: 100 × 100 × 15 mm³

Sample weight up to 300 g

Motorized stage with 20-nm accuracy and up to 8 mm/s speed

Fast positioning with Drive-To-Point function

Magnetic Field Option

Variable perpendicular magnetic field up to ±550 mT

Optical Access

• Top-view camera for precise positioning: 6 µm resolution, 1 mm² FOV

• Lateral-view camera for fast cantilever approach

Cantilever Detection

 4-quadrant beam deflection for simultaneous normal and lateral force measurement

Controller & Software

• ScanDirector: Windows-based user interface

ScanEngine: Real-time controller running on PXI industry-standard

Phase-Locked Loops

Up to two fully independent Phase-Locked Loops

Measurement Modes

All standard static and dynamic SFM measurement modes

Multifrequency, Double-Pass, hr-MFM, KPFM, Long-distance Profiling

 Q-factors up to 100 000 in high-vacuum increase sensitivity by a factor of >10 compared to air operation

Vacuum Operation

<5×10⁻⁶ mbar

24-hour Quiet Mode operation with <50 dBa (roughing pump off)

Vibration Isolation

• Triple-level passive vibration isolation

Optional active vibration damping

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