EasyQCL-100 : Terahertz Quantum Cascade Laser System **LONGWAVE** PHOTONICS

The **EasyQCL-100** system is a turnkey source of terahertz radiation which uses an integral Stirling Cycle cooler for cryogen free, and alignment free operation. A range of user interchangeable multimode QCL modules are available providing **milliwatt** power levels at frequencies **between 1.8 to 5 THz**. The **EasyQCL-100** now has a **multi-QCL** option, which integrates up to four, automatically switched QCLs in the same system.

The **EasyQCL-100** System Includes:

- QCL laser diode module
- Stirling Cycle Cooler
- QCL drive electronics capable of pulsed or continuous wave operation (<0.4 µs up to DC)
- A variety of user interchangeable QCL modules are available:
 - Milliwatt average power levels
 - Continuous wave operation available at select frequencies
 - Choice of center frequencies ranging from 1.8 to 5 THz
 - Multimode operation
 - Single mode output at select frequencies
- □ The EasyQCL-100 system is designed for ease of use:
 - Cryogen free– laser diode cooling is by closed cycle refrigeration
 - No optical alignment
 - Stirling cycle cooler is maintenance free
 - Laser bias is manually or computer controlled (USB and Windows XP/Vista/7 compatible)
 - Complete package is tabletop compact, portable and operates on 120/240 V (5A)
- □ The EasyQCL-100 is available with a multi-QCL option, allowing up to 4 QCL devices to be placed in the system. The multi-QCL option provides all the necessary equipment to automatically switch devices.

□ Applications:

- Illumination source for focal plane arrays
- Gas spectroscopy of MHz wide absorption features
- Noise and responsivity Characterization of detectors



EasyQCL-100 System



THz QCL Module

EasyQCL-100 Technical Data

Included Components:

 QCL device(s) characterized for wavelength, output power, beam divergence and current versus voltage
 Vacuum chamber with electrical feedthroughs and vacuum gauge

•Liquid /Air cooled, low-vibration Stirling cycle cryocooler

- •LWP-PS2 laser driver
- Compact rotary vane vacuum pump

•Laptop PC with software for control of the driver and cryocooler

QCL Characteristics:

•Multimode and single mode laser diodes available (see QCL datasheet).

- Beam divergence from 5 to 35 degrees FWHM
- ·Select devices operable in continuous wave

LWP-PS2 Laser Driver Specifications:

| QCL Driver Electronics (FPO t | ypical values): |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Current: | Up to 2 A |
| Voltage: | Up to 100 V |
| Pulsed width: | 0.2 µs up to DC |
| Frequency: | 100 Hz to 100 KHz |
| Triggering: | TTL Internal/External Gate |
| | BNC connector |
| Interface: | USB |
| Compatibility: | Windows XP/Vista/7 |
| Software Options: | Laser bias current/voltage, |
| | pulse width, duty cycle and |
| | trigger source (internal |
| | external) |
| AC voltage range: | 100 - 125 / 200 - 240 V |
| Rated frequency: | 50 - 60 Hz |
| Rated Current: | 120 V/5 A – 240 V/ 2.5 A |
| Interface/Control: | USB |

Stirling Cycle Cryocooler Specifications:

Room Temperature, no cryogens.
Cooldown time < 45 min to ~50 K
Maintenance: Cold head requires periodic vacuum purge to ~10-2 mbar with provided compact vacuum pump (e.g. Edwards E2M0.7 or similar). No turbo pumping required.

| AC voltage range: | 100 - 125 / 200 - 240 V |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Rated frequency: | 50 - 60 Hz |
| Rated Current: | 120 V/5 A – 240 V/ 2.5 |
| Interface/Control: | USB |
| Operating modes: | Closed/open loop |
| | temperature control |

Warranty

•One year parts and labor

Temperature / dimensions / weight: Weight: ~12 Kg

Stirling Cooler MTTF:

~12 kg > 20,000 Hours

Approx. Dimensions:





(Air cooled model pictured. Dimensions in mm)

multi-QCL Option:

The multi-QCL option allows up to 4 QCLs to be mounted in the cryocooler
Devices are switched automatically using the LWP-DEMUX demultiplexing switch
Beams are collimated and positioned using an HR silicon lens on a motorized 3-axis stage, LWP-STEP



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