

Robust. Reliable. Ready-to-use.

Femtosecond fiber lasers

Precision in photonics

Together we shape a sustainable future.

As the world's first commercial supplier of optical frequency combs, Menlo Systems has been leveraging innovation in laser technology for over 20 years. As a result, today we offer a portfolio of femtosecond fiber lasers based on our proprietary figure 9[®] mode locking technology^{1,2} - uniting scientific precision with industrial robustness.

At the core of figure 9[®] is an all polarization-maintaining fiber design, efficiently decoupling the laser cavity from perturbations such as vibrations and temperature fluctuations.

The technology contains no critical or lifetime limiting components, such as degradable optics. Whether designed to serve science or industry, our femtosecond fiber lasers exhibit exceptional performance:

- Robust. A single well-defined mode-locked state guarantees robust self-start and mode-locked operation within seconds – even in the harshest environments.
- Reliable. Reproducible laser performance you can rely on, even after thousands of on/off cycles, with excellent power stability, pulse-to-pulse repeatability, and unsurpassed low-noise performance.
- Ready-to-use. After installation, our lasers are maintenance free, thermally managed without any external cooling, and turn-key operated.



Dr. Michael Mei (left) and Dr. Ronald Holzwarth (right) Managing directors and co-founders of Menlo Systems



Nobel Prize Laureate Prof. Theodor Hänsch Pioneer of optical frequency comb technology Co-founder of Menlo Systems

¹ Patents EP 2637265 A1 / CN 103311780 A / US 8873601 B2

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² W. Hänsel et. al., Appl. Phys. B (2017) 123:41

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Femtosecond fiber lasers: Serving science and industry





Ready for integration INDUSTRIAL SERIES

- Ultra-compact designs with factory-set repetition rates
- Excellent cost-performance ratio and low cost of ownership through use of standard telecom components and Telcordia-qualified pump diodes – all ready for 24/7 operation
- Fast and easy OEM integration via a modular concept and fiber-coupled interconnects
- Quickly adaptable options like dispersion precompensation, multiple amplifier seeding, pulse picking, and fast amplitude modulation

Ready for synchronization SCIENTIFIC SERIES

- Optional intracavity actuators for repetition rate tuning, synchronization, and carrier envelope phase (CEP) stabilization at exceptionally low intrinsic phase noise
- Complete synchronization solutions with timing jitter on the attosecond level
- Asynchronous Optical Sampling (ASOPS), also with multi-color lasers
- Optional frequency conversion and supercontinuum generation modules



* Optical spectra scaled to maximum average power

Application spotlights

From cutting-edge research to industrial innovation



3D nanoprinted structures (in blue) - so-called Photonic Wire Bonds - guiding light in photonic integrated circuits. They provide high coupling efficiencies using tapered structures for mode-matching. Employed laser: **Industrial Series**.



Optical fibers inside the supply hose of a robotic arm supplying femtosecond laser pulses for THz-based paint layer thickness measurements. Approximately 30,000 car bodies per year can be inspected. Employed laser: **ELMO Series**.

3D nanoprinting

The nanoscale variant of additive manufacturing employs femtosecond laser pulses to engineer almost arbitrary 3D structures via multi-photon absorption in photosensitive materials.

Menlo Systems' femtosecond fiber lasers lead with excellent beam quality and pointing stability, integrated modulation and pulse pre-compression options, and pulseto-pulse repeatability and reliability.

Terahertz generation

Electromagnetic radiation in the range of several hundreds of micrometers opens new horizons in fields spanning material sciences, quality control, and non-destructive testing.

Menlo Systems has a proven track record of serving leading OEM integrators with customized, industry-grade laser system designs, and continues to leverage this experience by developing turn-key THz solutions in-house.



Inspection of a Watt-level ultrafast mid-infrared source, seeded by a frequencyshifted Erbium-based femtosecond fiber laser. The spectral coverage extends over the molecular fingerprint region. Employed seed laser: **C-Fiber Series.**

Amplifier seeding

The generation of ultra-intense laser pulses not only pushes boundaries in fundamental physics, but also increasingly finds its way into industrial applications, like material processing.

Our femtosecond fiber laser portfolio aligns to everdemanding seed laser requirements - with customizable repetition rates, spectral bandwidths and pulse durations, as well as a wide range of options for synchronization and carrier-envelope-phase (CEP) stabilization.

Application spotlights

From cutting-edge research to industrial innovation

Microscopy and life sciences

Continuously refined multiphoton imaging methodologies provide impressive insight into complex and dynamic biological processes, with ever-increasing resolution and tissue penetration depths.

Our truly worry-free laser light sources provide users with the peace of mind to focus on their imaging applications. Installation is as easy as it gets: It takes just a few minutes to operate our compact and maintenance-free lasers at the push of a button.



Two-Photon microscopy images of a YFP-labled mouse brain, captured by a Thorlabs Cerna microscope. Employed laser: **YLMO Series**.

Ultrafast spectroscopy

Sequences of ultrashort pulses examine dynamics of charge carriers, atoms, or inter- and intra-molecular processes with unprecedented time-resolution.

We continue to enhance the experimentalist's toolbox by steadily expanding the wavelength coverage of our femtosecond fiber laser portfolio – along with customizations like multi-color outputs, supercontinuum generation, or turn-key synchronization solutions.



Supercontinuum generation (SCG) undergoing tests in an in-house R&D set-up. Employed laser: **Orange Series.**

Ready to fly

Over the years, Menlo Systems' femtosecond fiber lasers were released in drop towers, used in airborne missions, tested in parabolic flights, and have travelled on suborbital rocket missions. Now, an ongoing research project will result in a figure 9[®] mode-locked frequency comb installed on the International Space Station.

Whatever the application, our technology can fly – almost everywhere.



The world's first airborne frequency comb on a mission to enable a LIDAR-based greenhouse gas monitoring campaign – **employing figure 9**[®] **technology**.

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KEY FEATURES

- Output power > 330 mW at 1560 nm
- Pulse width < 60 fs</p>
- Repetition rate customizable in the range 50-100 MHz
- Extremely robust, all-fiber design
- Ultra-compact
- Fast and easy integration via its modular concept



Here comes a true workhorse: ELMO is a robust and costeffective solution engineered for 24/7 operation - ultracompact and ready for OEM integration. With an all-fiber design and without any moving parts, it delivers dependable operation even in the harshest environments, with excellent pulse-to-pulse reliability and power stability. The ELMO series is a highly-flexible design concept, based on fiber-coupled oscillator (ELMO), fiber-coupled amplifier (ELMO HP), and free-space output compressor (ELMO HP-FS) modules. Fiber-based interconnects between different modules enable fast and easy adaptation to applications requiring multiple output ports, or seeding of multiple amplifiers.

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Model	ELMO	ELMO HP	ELMO HIGH HP-FS
Contained Modules *	oscillator	oscillator, amplifier	oscillator, amplifier, free-space compressor

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS

Center Wavelength	1560 nm +/- 30 nm			
Average Power	> 10 mW	> 10 mW > 180 mW > 330 mW		
Pulse Width	< 150 fs (typ. 100 fs)	< 60 fs (typ. 45 fs)	< 90 fs (typ. 70 fs)	
Repetition Rate		100 MHz		
Output Port	fiber-coupled (PM fiber, FC/APC connector) free-space		free-space	
Output Fiber Length	0.5 m		n.a.	
Polarization	lin	linear		

OPTIONS***

Output Fiber Length	0.5-	50 m	n.a.
Repetition Rate	factory-set value in the range 50-100 MHz		
Pulse Picking	down to kHz range		
Multiple Output Ports	please inquire for additional oscillator/amplifier output ports		
Supercontinuum Extension	please inquire NIR [1050 - 2100 nm]		

REQUIREMENTS

Warm-Up Time	< 60 s	
Operating Temperature	15 °C - 35 °C	
Operating Voltage	12 VDC (external power supply for 100/115/230 VAC included)	
Power Consumption	10 W 20 W	
Communication Options	software/USB, CAN-BUS, handheld remote unit	

DIMENSIONS

Laser Head Dimensions / Weight	195 x 95 x 28 mm³ / 0.7 kg	195 x 95 x 75 mm³ / 2.5 kg	195 x 95 x 75 mm³ / 2.5 kg
Compressor Dimensions / Weight	n.a.	n.a.	182 x 95 x 32 mm³ / 1.0 kg

* Fiber-based interconnects between all modules, standard patch cord length: 0.5 m

** In standard mounting configuration, free-space compressor module can be mounted in arbitrary orientation

*** Please inquire for specific combinations of output fiber length, pulse width, repetition rate, average power, and number of oscillator/amplifier module output ports

TECHNICAL DRAWINGS



All dimensions in mm

ELMO 780

Industry proven. Frequency doubled.

KEY FEATURES

- Output power > 140 mW at 780 nm
- Pulse width < 60 fs at 780 nm</p>
- Optional pulse compression and dispersion pre-compensation accessory
- Repetition rate customizable in the range 50-100 MHz
- Simple switching between 780 nm and 1560 nm output via detachable SHG unit



The frequency-doubled extension of our industry-proven ELMO series: ELMO 780 advances robustness and reliability of a 1560 nm based design concept to cover the 780 nm wavelength range. Pulses widths < 60 fs at the sample can be achieved with the optional pulse compression and dispersion pre-compensation accessory.

The ELMO 780 series is based on a fiber-coupled 1560 nm laser head (ELMO HP) and a fiber-connected handheld SHG module delivering 780 nm output – a concept that eliminates heat dissipation into optical set-ups. By simply replacing the SHG module with a fiber patch cord, the fundamental 1560 nm output is also readily available.

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Model	ELMO 780	ELMO 780 HP
Contained Modules*	oscillator, amplifier	, SHG (detachable)

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS 780 nm **

Center Wavelength	780 +/- 10 nm	
Average Power	> 75 mW (typ. 85 mW) > 140 mW (typ. 165 mW)	
Pulse Width	< 100 fs (typ. 85 fs, compressible to <60 fs with optional accessory)	
Repetition Rate	100 MHz	
Output Port	free space	
Beam Quality	M ² < 1.2 (typ. < 1.1)	
Polarization	linear, p-polarized ***	

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS 1560 nm **

Center Wavelength	1560 +/- 30 nm	
Average Power	> 180 mW (typ. 210 mW)	
Pulse Width	< 70 fs (typ. < 50 fs)	
Repetition Rate	100 MHz	
Output Port	fiber-coupled (PM fiber, FC/APC connector)	
Output Fiber Length	< 0.8 m	
Polarization	linear	

OPTIONS ****

Dispersion Precompensation	up to -16000 fs² (for 780 nm output)	
Repetition Rate	factory-set value in the range 50-100 MHz	
Multiple Output Ports	please inquire for additional oscillator/amplifier output ports	

REQUIREMENTS

Warm-Up Time	< 60 s	
Operating Temperature	15 °C - 35 °C	
Operating Voltage	12 VDC (external power supply for 100/115/230 VAC included)	
Power Consumption	20 W	
Communication Options	software/USB, CAN-BUS, handheld remote unit	

DIMENSIONS

Laser Head Dimensions / Weight	195 x 95 x 75 mm³ / 2.9 kg	
SHG Module Dimensions / Weight	195 x 47 x 28 mm³ / 0.5 kg	185 x 95 x 32 mm³ / 1.0 kg

* Fiber-based interconnects between all modules, standard patch cord length: 0.5 m

** 780 nm: with SHG module attached, 1560 nm: with SHG module detached and replaced by PM fiber patch cord (included) *** In standard mounting configuration, SHG module can be mounted in arbitrary orientation

**** Please inquire for specific combinations of pulse width, repetition rate, and average power

ELMO XHP Series

Industry proven. Output power multiplied.

KEY FEATURES

- Output power > 1 W at 780 nm
- Output power > 3 W at 1560 nm
- Integrated fast amplitude modulation
- Integrated dispersion precompensation up to -30.000 fs²
- Additional output ports optionally available



The most recent high power extensions of our industryproven ELMO series: ELMO 780 XHP delivers up to 1.5 W of average output power at 780 nm, with pulse durations down to 100 fs. Fully integrated fast amplitude modulation and dispersion precompensation make it a perfect fit for multi-photon applications in microscopy or 3D nanoprinting.

For covering applications specifically at the 1560 nm fundamental, version ELMO XHP delivers up to 3 W of average output power and pulse durations down to 250 fs.

The ELMO XHP series comes in an extremely compact design, requiring just a fraction of space occupied by other lasers with comparable performance.

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Model	ELMO XHP	ELMO 780 XHP
Contained Modules *	19" control unit, compact laser head	

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS

Center Wavelength	1560 +/- 20 nm	780 +/- 10 nm
Average Power	> 3 W	> 1 W (typ. 1.2 W)
Pulse Width	< 300 fs (typ. 250 fs)	< 150 fs (typ.120 fs)
Repetition Rate	100 MHz +/-1MHz	100 MHz +/-1MHz
Output Port	free space	free space
Beam Quality	M² < 1.2	M² < 1.2
Polarization	linear, s-polarized	linear, s-polarized
Dispersion Precompensation	n.a.	up to -30.000 fs ²
Fast Amplitude Modulation **	n.a.	integrated AOM for fast light modulation

OPTIONS

1560 nm Output Port	please inquire for additional output ports	free space, > 1 W
Multiple Output Ports	please inquire for additional o	scillator/amplifier output ports

REQUIREMENTS

Warm-Up Time	< 60 s
Operating Temperature	15 °C – 35 °C
Storage Temperature	0°C – 50 °C
Operating Voltage	100/115/230 VAC
Power Consumption	< 150 W
Communication Options	software/USB

DIMENSIONS

Laser Head Dimensions / Weight	240 x 170 x 65.5 mm³ / < 5 kg
Controller Dimensions / Weight	19", 2 HU (449 x 496 x 96 mm³) / < 20 kg
Mounting	detachable 12.5 mm posts and post clamps (included)

* Control unit and laser head permanently interconnected by umbilical cord

** Analog input 0-5 V, rise-/fall-time < 300 ns (typ. 180 ns)

TECHNICAL DRAWINGS



All dimensions in mm

YLMO and YLMO 930

Multi-photons in mind

KEY FEATURES

- Output power > 4 W at 1040 nm
- Output power > 500 mW at 930 nm
- Fully adjustable dispersion pre-compensation
- Fast amplitude modulation option
- Highest multi-photon signals from sensitive samples via low repetition rates and high pulse energies
- Compact design, easy installation, maintenance-free operation

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State-of-the-art femtosecond fiber laser technology has evolved into easy-to-use products: YLMO and YLMO 930 incorporate Menlo Systems' proprietary figure 9® technology to bring excellent stability and consistent longterm performance to the life sciences and multi-photon applications. Featuring fully adjustable dispersion precompensation and optional fast amplitude modulation.

Installation is as easy as it gets - the compact lasers can be operated in just a few minutes with the push of a button. Operation is maintenance free and does not require any external cooling.

In short: Worry-free devices ready to serve all those who want to focus solely on their application.

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Model	YLMO	YLMO 930
Contained Modules *	19" control unit, co	ompact laser head

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS

Center Wavelength	1045 nm +/- 10 nm	930 nm +/- 10 nm
Average Power	> 4 W	> 500 mW
Pulse Energy	> 40 nJ	> 10 nJ
Pulse Width	< 80 fs (typ. 70 fs)	< 140 fs (typ. 130 fs)
Bandwidth	> 30 nm	> 20 nm
Repetition Rate	100 MHz	50 MHz
Output Port	free space	
Beam Quality	M ² < 1.2 (typ. 1.1)	
Polarization	linear, p-pol (> 100:1)	linear, p-pol (> 50:1)
Beam Diameter	2.0 mm +/- 0.5 mm	
Beam Divergence	< 2 mrad	
Dispersion Precompensation	0 fs ² to -30.000 fs ²	0 fs ² to -60.000 fs ²

OPTIONS

Repetition Rate	factory-set value in the range 80-100 MHz	n.a.
Fast Amplitude Modulation **	integrated AOM for fa	ast amplitude control

REQUIREMENTS

Warm-up Time	< 60 s
Operating Temperature	15 °C - 30 °C
Operating Voltage	110 / 115 / 230 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz
Power Consumption	200 W
Communication	software/USB

DIMENSIONS

Laser Head Dimensions / Weight	265 x 110 x 76 mm³ / < 5 kg	
Control Unit Dimensions / Weight	19", 2 HU (449 x 496 x 96 mm³) / < 20 kg	
Umbilical Cord Length ***	2 m	
Mounting	detachable 25 mm posts and post clamps (included)	

* Control unit and laser head permanently interconnected by umbilical cord

** Analog or digital input, rise time <1 µs

*** Custom umbilical cord lengths available on request

TECHNICAL DRAWINGS



All dimensions in mm

YLMO 520 Two wavelengths, one choice

KEY FEATURES

- 520 nm and 1040 nm dual output
- Output power > 0.5 W at 520 nm (pulse width < 150 fs)
- Output power > 4 W at 1040 nm (pulse width < 100 fs)
- Arbitrary power splitting ratio
- Highly compact design
- Fast amplitude modulation option



Frequency doubling meets versatility: YLMO 520, the frequency doubled extension of our YLMO series, delivers > 0.5 W of average output power at 520 nm, with pulse durations below 150 fs. Its design permits simultaneous access to the 1040 nm fundamental with an arbitrary power splitting ratio.

YLMO 520 comes in a highly compact design – with fast amplitude modulation optionally integrated.

High peak powers, excellent stability, and consistent longterm performance make YLMO 520 a perfect fit for applications such as multi-photon excitation, pump-probe spectroscopy, or two-photon polymerization.

PERFORMANCE DATA





Model	YLMO 520
Contained Modules *	19" control unit, compact laser head

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS	520 nm Output Port	1040 nm Output Port
Center Wavelength	520 nm +/- 5 nm	1045 nm +/- 10 nm
Average Power **	> 0.5 W	> 4 W
Pulse Energy	> 5 nJ	> 40 nJ
Pulse Width	< 150 fs	< 100 fs
Bandwidth	> 5 nm	> 30 nm
Repetition Rate	100 MHz	
Output Port	free space	
Beam Quality	M ² < 1.2	2 (typically 1.1)
Polarization	linear, s-pol	linear, p-pol
Beam Diameter	2.0 mr	m +/- 0.5 mm
Beam Divergence	<	2 mrad

OPTIONS

Fast Amplitude Modulation ***	integrated AOM for fast amplitude control

REQUIREMENTS

Warm-up Time	< 60 s
Operating Temperature	15 °C - 30 °C
Operating Voltage	100-120 V (50/60Hz), 200-240 V (50/60Hz)
Power Consumption	200 W
Communication	software/USB

DIMENSIONS

Laser Head Dimensions / Weight	265 x 220 x 113 mm³ / < 10 kg
Control Unit Dimensions / Weight	19", 2 HU (449 x 496 x 96 mm³) / < 20 kg
Umbilical Cord Length ****	2 m

* Control unit and laser head permanently interconnected by umbilical cord

** User can switch between 520 nm and 1040 nm output port, arbitrary power splitting ratios possible

*** Analog or digital input, rise time <1 μ s

**** Custom umbilical cord lengths available on request

TECHNICAL DRAWINGS



YLMO 520 laser head

All dimensions in mm

YLMO Mid-IR

Unique solution for unique fingerprints

KEY FEATURES

- Tunable output wavelength 3 5 μm
- Typical output power > 100 mW
- Typical pulse width < 200 fs
- Large spectral bandwidth up to 300 cm⁻¹
- Highly compact design
- Optional repetition rate stabilization for mid-IR frequency comb generation



Powerful, tunable, compact: YLMO Mid-IR delivers femtosecond pulses in the mid-IR with typical output powers > 100 mW, tunable across the 3-5 μ m wavelength range.

Pulse widths < 200 fs align to applications in both the frequency and time domain. A compact design ensures high stability without the need for realignment.

YLMO Mid-IR delivers carrier-envelope-offset-free pulse trains, suitable for mid-IR frequency comb generation via optional stabilization of the repetition rate.

No matter the mid-IR spectroscopy to be carried out, YLMO Mid-IR is a convenient, cost-effective, and high-brilliance mid-IR source that can be installed within a few minutes.

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Model	YLMO Mid-IR
Contained Modules *	19" control unit, compact laser head

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS

Center Wavelength	3 – 5 µm (tunable)
Average Power **	> 100 mW in the range 3.0 - 4.7 µm, > 80 mW in the range 4.7 - 5.0 µm
Pulse Energy **	> 1 nJ in the range 3.0 - 4.7 µm, > 0.8 nJ in the range 4.7 - 5.0 µm
Pulse Width **	< 400 fs (typ. 200 fs)
Bandwidth	up to 300 cm ⁻¹
Repetition Rate **	100 MHz
Output Port	free space
Polarisation	linear, s-polarized

OPTIONS

Center Wavelength	fixed wavelength on request
Repetition Rate	stabilized (for mid-IR frequency comb generation)
Output Port	fiber-coupled

REQUIREMENTS

Warm-up Time	< 60s
Operating Temperature	15 °C - 30 °C
Operating Voltage	100-120 V (50/60 Hz), 220-240 V (50/60 Hz)
Power Consumption	200 W
Communication	software/USB

DIMENSIONS

Laser Head Dimensions / Weight	340 x 290 x 90 mm³, < 10 kg
Control Unit Dimensions / Weight	19", 2 HU (449 x 496 x 96 mm³) / < 20 kg
Umbilical Cord Length ***	2 m

* Control unit and laser head permanently interconnected by umbilical cord

** Please inquire for specific combinations of average power, pulse width, and repetition rate

*** Custom umbilical cord lengths available on request

TECHNICAL DRAWINGS



All dimensions in mm

YLMO-Seed

Straightforward amplifier seeding

KEY FEATURES

- Center wavelength 1030 1064 nm
- Output power > 200 mW
- Repetition rate 30 100 MHz
- > 15 nm bandwidth, supporting < 150 fs pulse widths
- Highly customizable
- Easy to integrate



Simply made for seeding laser amplifiers: YLMO-Seed combines all the benefits of Menlo Systems' figure 9[®] mode locking technology into a highly-customizable seed source. An all polarization-maintaining (PM) fiber design with a single mode-locked state ensures reliable and consistent mode locking, low amplitude and phase noise, and excellent long term stability.

The YLMO-Seed will readily align to even the most challenging applications via a customizable center wavelength, spectral bandwidth, repetition rate, configuration of output ports, length and type of output fiber, and optional fast amplitude modulation.

In short: An amplifier seed source as flexible as it is easy to integrate.

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Model	YLMO-Seed
Contained Modules	19" control unit

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS *

Center Wavelength	factory set between 1030 nm and 1064 nm, +/- 1 nm
Average Power	> 200 mW (@ 50 MHz)
Pulse Energy	> 4 nJ (@ 50 MHz)
Pulse Width	chirped
Bandwidth (3dB)	> 15 nm (supporting < 150 fs)
Repetition Rate	50 MHz
Output Port	fiber coupled (PM fiber, SC/APC mating sleeve)
Polarization	linear (> 100:1)

OPTIONS

Bandwidth	customized narrow spectral bandwidth
Repetition Rate	factory-set value in the range 30-100 MHz
Multiple Output Ports	customized additional output ports for seeding multiple ampliers
Output Port	customized length and type of output fiber
Fast Amplitude Modulation **	integrated AOM for fast amplitude control

REQUIREMENTS

Warm-up Time	< 60 s
Operating Temperature	15 °C - 35 °C
Operating Voltage	110 / 115 / 230 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz
Power Consumption	120 W
Communication	software/USB

DIMENSIONS

Laser Unit Dimensions / Weight	19" x 2 HU x 495 mm / 15 kg
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* Please inquire for specific combinations of center wavelength, average power, bandwidth, and repetition rate

** Analog or digital input, rise time <1 µs

TECHNICAL DRAWINGS





All dimensions in mm

C-Fiber Flagship laser full of options

KEY FEATURES

- Output power > 500 mW at 1560 nm
- Pulse width < 90 fs</p>
- Lowest pulse-to-pulse timing jitter
- Optional intra-cavity actuators for repetition rate tuning
- Repetition rate stabilization, locking, and synchronization via repetition rate locking electronics (RRE Synchro)
- Optional multiple output ports, second harmonic and supercontinuum generation

The flagship of our scientific laser series: C-Fiber comes with a whole range of options to cover the application in mind - ranging from customized repetition rates, intracavity actuators stabilization for repetition rate and synchronization, multiple output ports, to modules for frequency conversion like second harmonic or supercontinuum generation.



The C-Fiber series is based on a fully PM fiber design and uses active temperature stabilization to provide lowest pulse-to-pulse timing jitter, low amplitude and phase noise, and excellent long-term stability.

No matter the configuration, all systems can be user installed within minutes, are ready to use at the push of a button, and are entirely maintenance free.

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Model	C-Fiber	C-Fiber HP

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS

Center Wavelength	1560 +	/- 20 nm
Average Power	> 100 mW	> 500 mW
Pulse Energy	> 1 nJ	> 5 nJ
Pulse Width	< 9	00 fs
Repetition Rate	100	MHz
Repetition Rate Stability	< 1 ppm over 20 h	nours (free running)
Timing Jitter	< 2 fs rms [10kHz -1MHz] (free running)	
Output Port	fiber coupled (FC/APC)	free space
Polarization	linear, PM fiber	linear, s-pol
Additional Seed Port	one additio	nal seed port

OPTIONS

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Repetition Rate	factory-set value in the range 50-250 MHz
Repetition Rate Tuning	optional intra-cavity actuators for repetition rate tuning
Repetition Rate Stabilization, Locking, and Synchronization *	optional repetition rate locking electronics (RRE Synchro)
Multiple Output Ports	additional output ports for seeding multiple amplifiers and/or frequency conversion
Supercontinuum Extension	NIR [1050 - 2100 nm]

REQUIREMENTS

Warm-Up Time	< 60 s
Operating Temperature	15 °C - 35 °C
Operating Voltage	100/115/230 VAC
Power Consumption	120 VA
Communication Options	software/USB, CAN-BUS

DIMENSIONS

Laser Head Dimensions / Weight	413 x 90 x 178 mm³ / 7 kg	413 x 120 x 178 mm³ / 10 kg
Control Unit Dimensions / Weight	448 x 132 x 437 mm³ / 10 kg	448 x 132 x 437 mm³ / 12 kg

* Requires optional intra-cavity actuators for repetition rate tuning

TECHNICAL DRAWINGS



All dimensions in mm

C-Fiber 780

Frequency doubled. Options multiplied.

KEY FEATURES

- Output power > 250 mW at 780 nm
- Pulse width < 70 fs</p>
- Lowest pulse-to-pulse timing jitter
- Optional intra-cavity actuators for repetition rate tuning
- Repetition rate stabilization, locking, and synchronization via repetition rate locking electronics (RRE Synchro)
- 780 nm and 1560 nm dual output



Options multiplied: C-Fiber 780 expands the versatility of our scientific series to the 780 nm range. Options include: Integrated pulse compression, customizable repetition rates, repetition rate stabilization and synchronization, multiple output ports, and optional supercontinuum generation. The design permits simultaneous access to the 1560 nm fundamental at an arbitrary power splitting ratio. The C-Fiber series is based on a fully PM fiber design and uses active temperature stabilization to provide lowest pulse-to-pulse timing jitter, low amplitude and phase noise, and excellent long-term stability.

No matter the configuration, all systems can be user installed within minutes, are ready to use at the push of a button, and are entirely maintenance free.

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Model	C-Fiber 780	C-Fiber 780 HP

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS 780 nm *

Center Wavelength	780 +/- 10 nm	
Average Power	> 100 mW	> 250 mW
Pulse Energy	> 1 nJ	> 2.5 nJ
Pulse Width	< 100 fs (< 70 fs with opt	tional pulse compression)
Repetition Rate	100	MHz
Repetition Rate Stability	< 1 ppm over 20 h	nours (free running)
Timing Jitter	< 2 fs rms [10kHz -	1MHz] (free running)
Output Port	free space	
Polarization	linear	r, s-pol

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS 1560 nm *

Center Wavelength	1560 +/- 20 nm		
Average Power	> 250 mW	> 500 mW	
Pulse Energy	> 2.5 nJ	> 5 nJ	
Pulse Width	<	90 fs	
Repetition Rate	10	0 MHz	
Repetition Rate Stability	< 1 ppm over 20	hours (free running)	
Timing Jitter	< 2 fs rms [10kHz	-1MHz] (free running)	
Output Port	free space		
Polarization	linear, s-pol		
Additional Seed Port	one addition	onal seed port	

OPTIONS

Pulse Compression 780 nm	optionally integrated pulse compression for < 70 fs pulse width at 780 nm
Repetition Rate	factory-set value in the range 50-250 MHz
Repetition Rate Tuning	optional intra-cavity actuators for repetition rate tuning
Repetition Rate Stabilization,	ontional repetition rate locking electronics (PDE Synchro)
Locking, and Synchronization **	
Multiple Output Ports	additional output ports for seeding multiple amplifiers and/or frequency conversion
Supercontinuum Extension	VIS [550-1050 nm] and/or NIR [1050-2100 nm]

REQUIREMENTS

Warm-Up Time	< 60 s
Operating Temperature	15 °C - 35 °C
Operating Voltage	100/115/230 VAC
Power Consumption	120 VA
Communication Options	software/USB, CAN-BUS

DIMENSIONS

Laser Head Dimensions / Weight	415 x 350 x 110 mm ³ / 18 kg	415 x 350 x 140 mm³ / 20 kg
Control Unit Dimensions / Weight	448 x 132 x 437 mm ³ / 10 kg	448 x 132 x 437 mm³ / 12 kg

* User can switch between 780 nm and 1560 nm output port, arbitrary power splitting ratios possible

** Requires optional intra-cavity actuators for repetition rate tuning

Orange

Versatile enabler for versatile research

KEY FEATURES

- Output power > 10 W at 1040 nm
- Pulse width < 75 fs at 1040 nm</p>
- Lowest pulse-to-pulse timing jitter
- Optional intra-cavity actuators for repetition rate tuning
- Repetition rate stabilization, locking, and synchronization via repetition rate locking electronics (RRE Synchro)
- Optional multiple output ports, second harmonic and supercontinuum generation

A true allrounder: The Orange series is a highly versatile 1040 nm scientific platform, available as a low power oscillator or in amplified versions with up to > 10 W average power and pulse widths < 75 fs. Options include integrated pulse compression, customizable repetition rates, repetition rate stabilization and synchronization, and multiple output ports.



For wavelength conversion to the visible spectral range, an efficient frequency-doubling extension is readily available. Like all of our scientific platforms, Orange is based on a fully PM fiber design and uses active temperature stabilization to provide lowest pulse-to-pulse timing jitter, low amplitude and phase noise, and excellent long term stability.

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	Model	orange	orange HP	orange HP10
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OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS 1040 nm

Center Wavelength		1040 nm +/- 10 nm		
Average Power	> 100 mW	> 1 W	> 10 W	
Pulse Energy	> 1 nJ	> 10 nJ	> 100 nJ	
Pulse Width	chirped, supporting < 150fs	< 150 fs (< 75 fs)*	< 200 fs (< 150 fs)*	
Repetition Rate		100 MHz		
Output port	fiber coupled	free space		
Polarization	linear, PM fiber	linear, p-pol		
Beam Quality	n.a.	M ² < 1.2 (typically 1.1)		
Additional Seed Port		one additional seed port		

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS 520 nm **

Center Wavelength	520 nm +/- 5 nm
Average Power	> 400 mW
Pulse Energy	> 4 nJ
Pulse Width	< 150 fs
Repetition Rate	100 MHz

OPTIONS

Pulse Compression 1040 nm	n.a.	optionally integrated pulse compression	
Repetition Rate ***	factory-set value in the range 50-250 MHz		
Repetition Rate Tuning	optional intra-cavity actuators for repetition rate tuning		
Repetition Rate Stabilization, Locking, and Synchronization ****	optional repetition rate locking electronics (RRE Synchro)		
Mulitple Output Ports	additional output ports for seeding multiple amplifiers and/or frequency conversion		
Supercontinuum Extension	n.a.	VIS to NIR [650-1550 nm]	

REQUIREMENTS

Warm-Up Time	< 60 s
Operating Temperature	22 +/- 3 °C
Operating Voltage	100/115/230 VAC
Communication Options	software/USB, CAN-BUS

DIMENSIONS

Laser Head Dimensions / Weight	413 x 178 x 120 mm ³ / 10 kg	415 x 400 x 140 mm ³ / 26 kg	415 x 400 x 140 mm ³ / 26 kg
Control Unit Dimensions / Weight	448 x 132 x 437 mm ³ / 10 kg	448 x 132 x 437 mm ³ / 11 kg	448 x 227 x 495 mm ³ / 25 kg

* With optional pulse compression for shorter pulse widths

** With optional second harmonic module SHG 520

*** Please inquire for specific combinations of average power, pulse duration, and repetitiion rate

**** Requires optional intra-cavity actuators for repetition rate tuning

RRE-SYNCRO locking electronics

Tracking the pulse of time

KEY FEATURES

- Plug & play electronics platform for repetition rate stabilization, locking, and synchronization
- Highly versatile modular concept configurable for a wide range of synchronization tasks
- Superior phase sensitivity through harmonic lock
- Support of third party laser systems and actuators
- Individually tested phase noise performance

Precision control: Whether stabilizing the repetition rate of a laser, locking it to an external reference, or synchronizing two lasers in a master/slave configuration, the RRE-SYNCRO will adapt to a wide range of applications. Fundamental and harmonic locking capabilities enable superior phase sensitivity, and a highly-versatile modular concept ensures optimal integration and interfacing.



The RRE-SYNCRO can be operated via an integrated touchscreen, or operated remotely via a user-friendly software interface. While designed for compatibility with Menlo Systems' scientific laser series, a wide range of third party laser systems and actuators are also supported.

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Schematic Set-up C-Fiber/RRE-SYNCRO: Free-running vs Locked 100.00143 External RF Reference Repetition Rate [MHz] 100,00142 Master Rep-rate Signal **RRE-SYNCRO** 100,00141 Free-running :o 0 100,00140 Locked Laser 100,00139 Rep-rate Signal 100.00138 Intra-cavity Actuators 3 5 Time [h] Laser vs Laser: Relative Phase Noise Laser vs RF reference: Relative Phase Noise -100 -100 120 -110 100 PSD [dBrad²/Hz] -140 PSD [dBrad²/Hz] -120 80 -130 60 -180 -140 40 -220 -150 20 -260 -160 0 10000 1000001000000 10 1000 10000 1000001000000 1 100 10 100 1000 Frequency [Hz] Frequency [Hz]

ated Timing Jitter

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Model	RRE-SYNCRO
model	

CHARACTERISTICS

< 200 fs [0.1 Hz - 500 kHz] or same as reference, whichever applies first *	
Master laser repetition rate signal	
Harmonic master laser repetition rate signal (RF or optical)	
10 MHz RF reference signal (external or generated internally)	
Sub-D, 9 pin	
BNO	
BNC	

OPTIONS

Custom Reference Frequencies	Depending on filter availability	
Custom Phase Detectors	For low drift	
External RF Phase Detector	For reference frequency > 1GHz and enhanced timing jitter performance	
Adjustable Offset	To set the relative time delay between laser pulses and reference signal	
Tunable Repetition Rate	Locking schemes with tunable repetition rates	
Repetition Rate Lock Automation	Via RRE-Control software	
Reference Generation Electronics	10 or 20 MHz clock module (higher frequencies via integrated phase locked oscillator)	

REQUIREMENTS

Storage Temperature	0 °C – 40 °C
Operating Voltage	110/220 V
Communication	USB

DIMENSIONS

Dimensions / Weight	449 x 134 x 435 mm ³ / 7 kg (19",	3U)
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* Values specified for models of the C-Fiber femtosecond fiber laser series. Please contact us when stabilizing lasers from other manufacturers to optimize the performance of the RRE locking electronics

Technology primer

Why 9 cuts a good figure



figure 9[®] stands for Menlo Systems' proprietary fiber laser design¹, with the name derived from the characteristic shape of the cavity scheme employed. This primer explains the basic principles behind the technology - and the unique advantages it offers.

MODE LOCKING

In simple terms, mode locking can be considered as a prerequisite to generate femtosecond laser pulses. It involves designing a laser cavity with operational conditions such that the cavity modes will reliably self-organize into a stable train of ultrashort pulses, with as little unwanted background and noise as possible.

In femtosecond fiber lasers, this has often been achieved by employing so-called intrinsic saturable absorbers materials whose absorption decreases at high optical intensities. However, besides potential degradation over time, intrinsic effects related to their slow relaxation times may cause excessive noise floors², which is detrimental to precision applications like optical frequency combs. This has driven our search for a superior alternative: A fast mode-locking scheme based on effects other than absorption.

FIBER LOOP MIRRORS

For an intuitive picture, we refer to a fiber coupler that splits a light pulse arriving at one of its input ports into two equal portions (Fig.1/1). Connecting the output ports by a fiber loop, the two portions will propagate in opposite directions and interfere again at the splitter (Fig.1/2). In the simplest case, this will result in the original pulse being reflected back to where it came from, and the fiber loop acts like a mirror (Fig. 1/3). The reflectivity of the loop mirror changes if the two counterpropagating pulses for some reason acquire a phase shift relative to each other before interfering. The phase shift will affect the interference conditions such that a certain fraction of the original input pulse will be transmitted into the second input port, rather than being reflected (Fig.1/④). Now, if the ratio of transmission to reflection can be designed to depend on the intensity of the original input pulse, the fiber loop may act as an artificial fast saturable absorber.

NONLINEAR AMPLIFYING LOOP MIRRORS

An implementation of the this principle, shown in the upper part of Fig. 2, is commonly referred to as nonlinear amplifying loop mirror (NALM). It relies on an asymmetric arrangement of an amplifying section of doped fiber and a long section of undoped fiber.

The principle of the NALM relies on the phase shift between pulses that are first amplified before propagating in the long fiber, and pulses travelling in the opposite direction: The former experience a stronger intensity-dependent nonlinearity during the round trip. For an increasing nonlinear phase difference, and hence input pulse intensity, the transmission of the NALM increases, very much analogous to a saturable absorber.

As shown in Fig. 2, mode-locked laser operation can thus be achieved in a so-called figure-of-eight laser. A major drawback of this configuration, however, is the difficulty to achieve self-starting mode-locked operation when using polarization-maintaining fibers.

¹ Patents EP 2637265 A1 / CN 103311780 A / US 8873601 B2

² Excess carrier-envelope phase noise generation in saturable absorbers, N. Raabe et.al., Optics Lett. (2017), Vol. 42, No. 6, 1068



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FIGURE 9

figure 9[®] builds up on the NALM-based concept to advance its practicability and functional versatility to another level. The approach relies on operating the NALM in reflective mode, rather than in transmission, and allows the implementation of polarization-maintaining fiber components³.

As shown in Fig. 9, part of the cavity scheme is straightened into a linear arm, while a non-reciprocal phase shifter in the NALM part biases the phase acquired by counterpropagating pulse pairs. The amount of phase bias can thereby be carefully optimized for self-starting mode-locked operation at low intensities, as well as highly-efficient reflection into the linear arm under favorable operational conditions.

Thanks to its unique features, **figure 9**[®] has become the backbone of our femtosecond fiber laser portfolio, combining unprecedented performance with functional versatility:

Robust.

Robust self-start of mode-locked operation, in a layout offering the environmental insensitivity of polarization maintaining fibers.

Versatile.

Straight-forward integration of intracavity actuators for repetition rate tuning, synchronization, and carrier envelope phase (CEP) stabilization.

Low noise.

Exceptionally low intrinsic phase noise, surpassing the performance of fiber lasers mode locked by intrinsic saturable absorbers.

Cost-effective.

Excellent cost-performance ratio and low cost of ownership through reduced complexity, compactness, and use of standard telecom components.

³ All Polarization-maintaining fiber laser architecture for robust femtosecond pulse generation, W. Hänsel et. al., Appl. Phys. B (2017) 123:41

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QUALITY STANDARDS

Our products are built in a controlled environment and pass rigorous final tests, both at component and system level, before leaving the factory. While we strive to select the best suppliers for highest quality, all of our products have fully traceable components. Our manufacturing is organized according to lean manufacturing standards. Processes are documented and operators undergo continuous training to ensure repeatability and reliability in operation. We make use of our in-house reference systems to qualify and calibrate our products against the best standards available.

Our processes and services are tested in accordance with DIN EN ISO 9001:2015 norm. As this requires a processoriented quality management system, we have been testing and qualifying every single process at Menlo Systems to meet the highest quality standards. From order intake to the manufacturing process - all steps must go hand-in-hand to ensure the highest quality lasers "Made in Germany".

TESTING & CERTIFICATION

Besides meeting the conformity standards of the European Union, our femtosecond fiber lasers are tested and certified according to internationally recognized quality management standards:

Packaged Goods Vibration Test ISO 8318, IEC EN 600068-2-6

Packaged Goods Fall Test ISO 4180, IEC EN 600068-2-31

Sine Wave Vibration Test IEC EN 600068-2-6

Shock Test IEC EN 600068-2-17

EMC Test IEC EN 61326-1, Class a

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