



PyLoN:100

The PyLoN®:100 is a controllerless, cryogenically-cooled CCD camera designed for quantitative scientific spectroscopy applications demanding the highest possible sensitivity. Princeton Instruments has completely redesigned the industry-leading Spec-10 family of cameras to eliminate the external controller, increasing experimental flexibility while further improving the ultralow noise electronics. Liquid nitrogen cooling virtually eliminates dark current, while PyLoN's indium metal seals enhance its vacuum longevity. PyLoN:100 cameras provide dual amplifiers and software-selectable gains that permit operation in either high-sensitivity mode (Raman or single molecule spectroscopy) or high-capacity mode (fluorescence spectroscopy), and are fully supported by LightField®, powerful 64-bit data acquisition software, and IntelliCal® wavelength and intensity calibration packages. PyLoN features ADC rates of up to 4 MHz, with digital bias stabilization and correlated double sampling for decreased read noise and improved linearity, and Princeton Instruments' exclusive eXcelon® technology, delivering the highest responsivity from the UV to the NIR while suppressing etaloning that occurs in standard back-illuminated CCDs.

FEATURE	BENEFITS		
eXcelon technology	Increases detector sensitivity while suppressing etalon interference fringes observed in the NIR with conventional back-illuminated devices.		
1340 x 100 imaging array, 20 μm x 20 μm pixels	Proprietary format with 2 mm height for rapid spectral acquisition; 20 µm pixel size offers the optimal combination of high resolution and dynamic range.		
Cryogenic cooling to -120°C using liquid nitrogen	Effectively eliminates dark charge, permitting acquisition times from milliseconds to hours.		
Single fused silica vacuum window	Minimizes reflection losses from UV - IR; Optional AR coatings & wedge windows are available.		
Optional UV phosphor coatings	Extends CCD sensitivity to below 200 nm.		
TTL input and output	Allows external control of and triggering by lasers or timing generators.		
Dual amplifiers with software-selectable system gains	High sensitivity amplifier reduces read noise floor for weak signals; High capacity amplifier increases dynamic range.		
Kinetics & Custom Sensor modes	Standard on all PyLoN cameras, Kinetics mode allows microsecond-resolved kinetic spectral acquisition, while Custom Sensor mode increases control over the camera readout, permitting spectral rates of over 1000 fps.		
Data acquisition rates of 50 kHz to 4 MHz	Up to 4X as fast as its predecessor - Choose low speed digitization to reduce noise, or high speed for rapid spectral acquisition.		
Optional end-on and all-directional dewar mounts	Allows for easy and flexible camera positioning.		
GigE data interface	Reliable data transmission over 50 m for remote operation.		
Optional: LightField® (for Windows 8/7, 64-bit) Or WinView/Spec (for Windows 8/7/XP, 32-bit)	Flexible software packages for data acquisition, display and analysis; LightField offers intuitive, cutting edge user interface, IntelliCal® and more.		
PICAM/PVCAM SDKs	Compatible with Windows 8/7/XP, and Linux; Universal programming interfaces for easy custom programming.		

SPECIFICATIONS

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	PyLoN:100I	BR_eXcelon	PyLoN:100BR	PyLoN:100B_eXcelon	PyLoN:100B	PyLoN:100F	
Features	Back-illuminated, deep depletion CCD with eXcelon technology. Highest average QE from the UV to the NIR with negligible etaloning.		Back-illuminated, deep depletion CCD. High QE in the NIR with minimal etaloning.	Back-illuminated CCD with eXcelon technology. Enhanced QE in the UV and the NIR with low etaloning.	Back-illuminated CCD. Highest QE in the visible with low dark current. Subject to etaloning in the NIR.	Front-illuminated CCD. Affordable technology for moderate light level applications. No etaloning.	
Typical dark current @ -120°C (e ⁻ /pixel/hour) *	0.3		0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Typical System read @100 kF @2 MHz	Hz	3 e ⁻ rms 12 e ⁻ rms					
Operating temperat	ture	-80°C to -1	20°C with ±0.05°C thermostating precision				
CCD format	1340 x 100		00, 20 μm x 20 μm pixels with 100% fill factor				
lmaging area	26.8 x 2.0		mm (optically centered)				
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ADC rates		50, 100, 20	00, 500 kHz and 1, 2, 4	MHz; 16 bits			
Non-linearity		< 1% @ 10	0 kHz				
Vertical shift times	times 8 - 20 μsec		ec/row (programmable)				
Analog gain (typical	l)	0.75, 1.5, 3.0 e ⁻ /ADU (high sensitivity); 3, 6, 12 e ⁻ /ADU (high capacity)					
Data interface		Gigabit Ethernet					
I/O signals		Trigger In, TTL Out, Readout Monitor, Expose Monitor, Shutter Monitor					
Optical mount		Princeton Instruments' Acton spectrometer adapter with optional 40 mm shutter					
Operating environme	ent	+5°C to +30°C, non-condensing atmosphere					
Certification		CE					
Dimensions Weight		14.6 inches (371 mm) \times 8.2 inches (208 mm) \times 10.5 inches (267 mm) (H \times W \times D) Approximately 10 lbs (4.5 kg)					

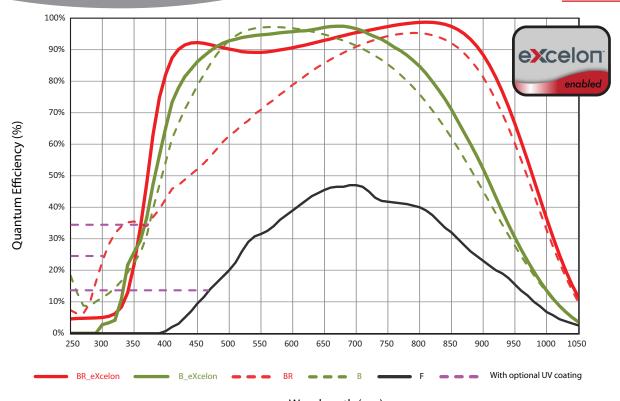
^{*} Limited by cosmic ray background

All specifications are subject to change.

SPECTRAL RATES

@ 4 MHz Full Frame	24 fps
@ 100 kHz Full Vertical Bin	70 fps
@ 4 MHz Full Vertical Bin	750 fps
@ 4 MHz, 20 rows (0.4 mm high) Custom Chip	1700 fps

QE DATA



Wavelength (nm)

NOTE:

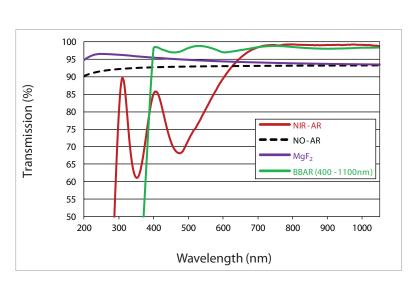
Graph shows typical Quantum Efficiency (QE) data measured at $+25^{\circ}$ C. QE decreases at normal operating temperatures. For the best results for your application, please discuss the specific parameters of your experiment with your sales representative.

VACUUM WINDOW AR COATINGS

NOTES:

- Standard anti-reflection (AR) coating options shown on graph
- Designed by Acton Optics, our BBAR coating offers unmatched performance for 400 nm - 1100 nm
- Custom wedge window options and other AR coatings are also available

Contact your local sales representative for more information



eXcelon Performance

Back-illuminated

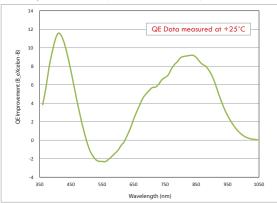
Data taken with white light source through a monochromator, comparing etaloning performance of eXcelon vs. back-illuminated CCDs.



Back-illuminated_eXcelon

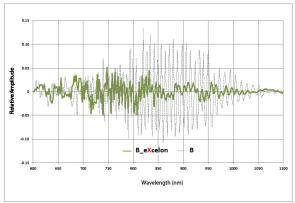
600nm 700nm 800nm 900nm 1000nm

QE Improvement (B_eXcelon vs. B)



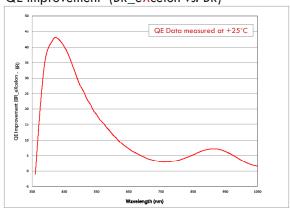
B_eXcelon provides superior QE over the standard back illuminated ("B") version in the UV-NIR range.

Etalon Oscillations (B_eXcelon vs. B)



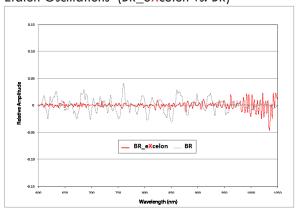
B_eXcelon provides significantly lower etaloning (unwanted fringes) compared to standard back illuminated ("B") version.

QE Improvement (BR_eXcelon vs. BR)



BR_eXcelon provides superior QE over standard back illuminated deep depletion ("BR") version over the entire UV-NIR range.

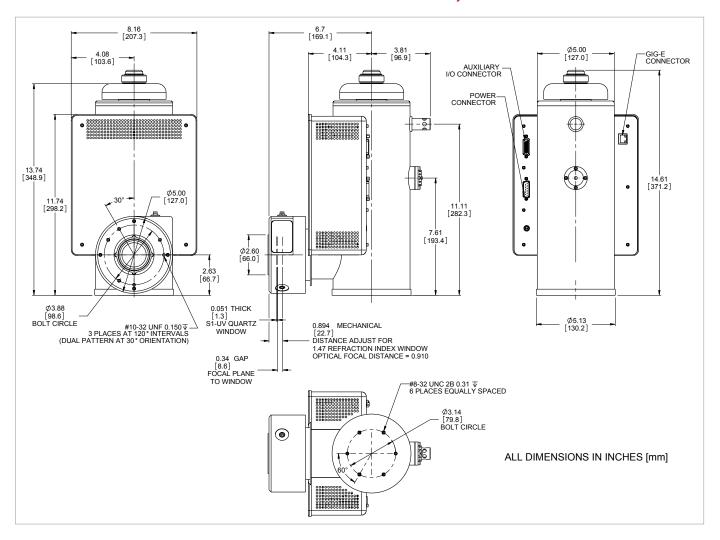
Etalon Oscillations (BR_eXcelon vs. BR)



BR_eXcelon eliminates much of the residual etaloning observed in the standard back-illuminated deep depletion ("BR") version.



PyLoN with 40 mm shutter





PyLoN without shutter

