



MIRcat-QT™

RAPID-SCAN, ULTRA-BROADLY TUNABLE MID-IR CW/PULSED LASER SYSTEM

Demanding Mid-IR spectroscopy applications such as nanoscale and microscale chemical imaging benefit greatly from rapid, high-SNR data acquisition. Until now, mid-IR laser sources required compromises in beam quality and wavelength fidelity to achieve high scan speeds. With the introduction of the new MIRcat-QT, you can now have superior beam quality, wavelength fidelity, and fast continuous scanning ($>1,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ at 10 Hz) all in one ultra-broadly tunable, CW/pulsed mid-IR laser.

Incorporating the next generation of Daylight's field-proven Quantum Cascade Laser (QCL) technology, MIRcat-QT delivers uncompromised performance in application-critical areas. This includes peak tuning speeds to $>30,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}/\text{s}$, tuning ranges to $>1,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, CW RIN as low as $-140 \text{ dBc}/\text{Hz}$, peak power output up to $1 \text{ W}^{[2]}$, average power output up to 0.5 W , and wavelength repeatability as high as $<0.1 \text{ cm}^{-1 [1,2]}$. In addition, MIRcat-QT provides a single TEM_{00} output beam, which enables high-efficiency fiber coupling.

MIRcat-QT's flexible, modular design allows users to factory-configure their system for up to four pulsed or CW/pulsed modules, upgrade it later⁷, or add a visible aiming beam. With Daylight's proprietary HFQD™ (High-Fidelity QCL Drive) circuitry, your QCL chips are protected. With a GUI and SDK command set included as standard, MIRcat-QT users can control wavelength set-points, scans, power, triggering, pulse width, duty cycle, and repetition rate in pulsed operation⁸. MIRcat-QT brings new capabilities and agility to a wide range of molecular sensing applications including: process and quality control, remote sensing, imaging, and spectroscopy. Please contact us today to learn how MIRcat-QT, and our highly experienced team, can help you.

FOR SPECTROSCOPY AT SPEED, WITHOUT COMPROMISE.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tuning sweeps @ 10 Hz (>1,000 cm^{-1} in < 100 ms)
- Pulsed AND CW operation modes
- Low relative intensity noise (RIN)
- Pulse repetition rates up to 3 MHz
- Pulse widths down to 40 ns

MIRcat-QT SPECIFICATIONS

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS¹

Wavelength Availability	Center wavelengths from <4 μm to >13 μm
Modes of Operation	Pulsed or CW ²
Available Configurations	Select 1, 2, 3, or 4 standard or custom laser modules
Example Standard Configurations	MIRcat-PX-A (Pulsed, 5.3—10.4 μm) ³ MIRcat-PX-B (Pulsed, 5.4—13 μm) ³ MIRcat-PCX-B (CW/Pulsed, 6.2—10.7 μm) ³
Tuning Modes	Set λ , Step & Measure, Continuous Scans
Max. Tuning Speed (Step)	250 ms step-and-settle time to arbitrary λ
Max. Tuning Speed (Scan)	Peak velocity to >30,000 cm^{-1}/s
Wavelength Accuracy	$\leq 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
Average Power Stability	< 3% (1 hr)
Spatial Mode	TEM ₀₀ (nominal)
Beam Divergence	< 4 mrad at 4 μm (full angle, 1/e ² intensity width) ^{3,6}
Beam Pointing	Up to 4 mrad (depends on module) ⁴
Spot Size	< 2.5 mm (1/e ² intensity radius) ^{3,6}
Polarization	Linear, vertical, >100:1

PULSED OPERATION

Peak Power	Up to 1W (depends on module)
Energy Stability	< 3%, standard deviation
Linewidth	$\leq 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (FWHM)
Pulse Width ⁸	40 to 1 μs , 20-ns increments
Repetition Rate ⁸	0.1 kHz to 3 MHz, 0.1 kHz increments
Maximum Duty Cycle ⁸	20% (custom up to 30%)

CW OPERATION

Average Power	Up to 500 mW (depends on module)
Linewidth	$\leq 100 \text{ MHz}$ (FWHM, over 1s) ⁹

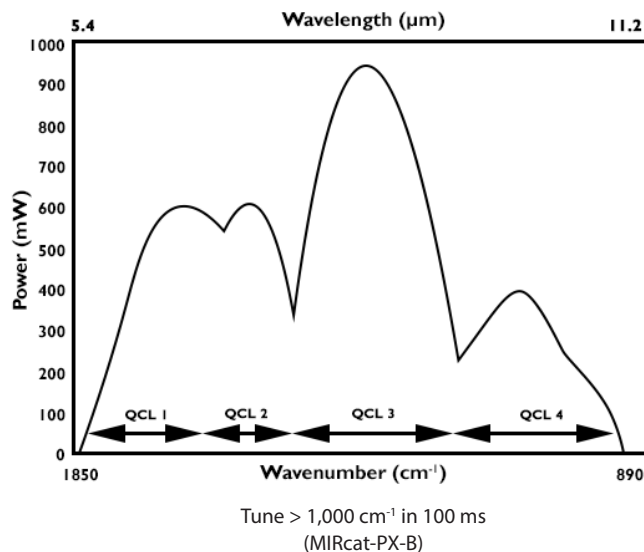
OTHER PARAMETERS

Triggering (Pulsed)	Internal/external, external pulse input
Triggering (Scans)	External wavelength step, scan start
External Control Interface ¹⁰	USB 2.0
Temperature Range (°C)	15 to 30 °C (operating)
Humidity	0—80% RH, non-condensing
Cooling	Passive Air (pulsed, up to 5% duty cycle) ⁵ Water (CW, fast scans, or >5% duty cycle pulsed)
Power Requirements	$\leq 2 \text{ A}$, 90 to 264VAC, 47 to 63Hz, single phase
Dimensions (L x W x H)	17.9 x 9.8 x 6.3 in. (45.5 x 24.9 x 16 cm)

COMPLIES WITH 21 CFR 1040.10 AND 1040.11 EXCEPT FOR DEVIATIONS PURSUANT TO LASER NOTICE NO. 50, DATED JUNE 24, 2007. COMPLIES WITH IEC 60825-01

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HIGH-SPEED TUNING



UPGRADE OPTIONS

OPTIONS	DESCRIPTION
ZeroPoint™ Technology	Superb beam pointing (< 100 μrad beam centroid change across specified tuning range)
Red Aiming Beam	Provides visible aiming beam (635nm, Class I) co-boresighted with mid-IR beams

¹ All specifications are: subject to change without notice; defined at the tuning peak of each gain module; after a 10-min warm-up; at the factory-recommended operating current.

² CW - requires CW-capable chip.

³ Typical value.

⁴ Beam centroid change across tuning range. Optional ZeroPoint® reduces point to <100 μrad . Please inquire.

⁵ Fastest inter-module switching speeds may require water cooling—please inquire.

⁶ Specification scales with wavelength—please inquire.

⁷ Requires return to factory.

⁸ Some chips can support pulses up to 10 μs , PRF up to 3 MHz, and duty cycles up to 30%—please inquire.

⁹ If laser is tuned for single longitudinal mode operation.

¹⁰ GUI compatible with Windows® 10. Please inquire for other OS.

INVISIBLE LASER RADIATION
AVOID EXPOSURE TO THE BEAM
CLASS 3B LASER PRODUCT



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