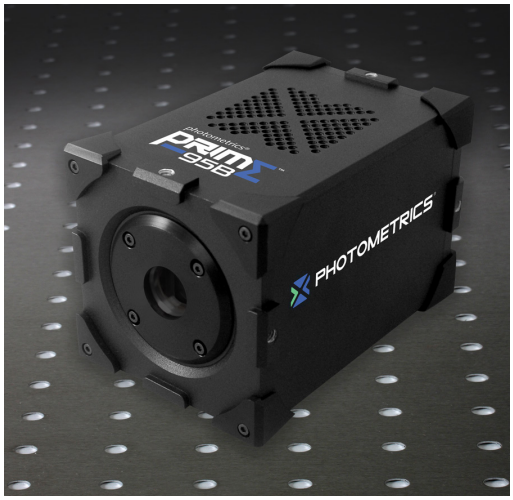

Primary applications:

Super-Resolution Microscopy

Confocal Microscopy

Single Molecule Fluorescence

Light Sheet Microscopy

- **95% Quantum Efficiency**
- **11µm x 11µm Pixel Area**
- **1.6e- Read Noise (median)**
- **41fps @ 16-bit / 82fps @ 12-bit**
- **PrimeEnhance increases SNR 3-5X**

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PRIME 95B™

Back Illuminated Scientific CMOS

Discovery depends on every photon

Prime 95B is the Scientific CMOS with extreme sensitivity using high Quantum Efficiency (QE) Backside Illumination (BSI), a first for Scientific CMOS cameras. The 95B's sensor converts up to 95% of incident photons into a measurable signal. Unlike microlens approaches to increasing QE, which lose effectiveness as objective magnification is increased, Prime 95B's BSI sensor brings light into the pixel photodiode from behind, avoiding structures that reflect or absorb light. When combined with large 11µm pixels, Prime 95B can deliver over 300% more signal than other sCMOS cameras at 100X magnification.

More importantly, Prime 95B outperforms EMCCD cameras—with no excess noise that negates the benefit of using a high QE sensor, and additional limitations from EM gain calibration, stability, expense, and sensor lifetime With a true 16-bit dynamic range, Prime 95B easily accomplishes what EMCCD can not—detect weak and bright signals within the same image with photon-noise limited performance.

The extreme sensitivity not only allows fainter signals to be detected, it provides the flexibility to increase frame rates, or turn down the excitation intensity to reduce cellular photo-damage. Yet Prime 95B maintains the same high frame rates, field-of-view and extremely low read noise that has made sCMOS so popular for live-cell imaging.

Features	Advantages
High Quantum Efficiency 95% Peak QE	Maximizes ability to detect weak signals, enables short exposure times for high frame rates, minimizes phototoxicity across a wide range of wavelengths
Large 11µm Pixel Size	Maximize light collection while maintaining proper spatial sampling
Extremely Low Read Noise	Maximize your ability to detect faint fluorescence
Fast Frame Rates	Capture highly dynamic events with high temporal resolution
Large Field of View	Maximize the number of cells that can be tracked and monitored per frame
PrimeEnhance	Real-time quantitative denoising algorithm that improves image clarity by reducing photon-shot (Poisson) noise. Delivers an increase in Peak Signal to Noise Ratio of 3X to 5X
PrimeLocate	Dynamically evaluates and acquires only the relevant data for localization based super-resolution applications
Enhanced Dynamic Range	Measure both bright and dim signal levels within the same image 50,000:1 Dynamic Range (94 dB)
Multiple Expose Out Triggering	Control up to four light sources for multi-wavelength acquisitions
SMART Streaming	Faster acquisition rates with variable exposures, ideal for multi-probed live cell imaging Compatible with Multiple Expose Out Triggering

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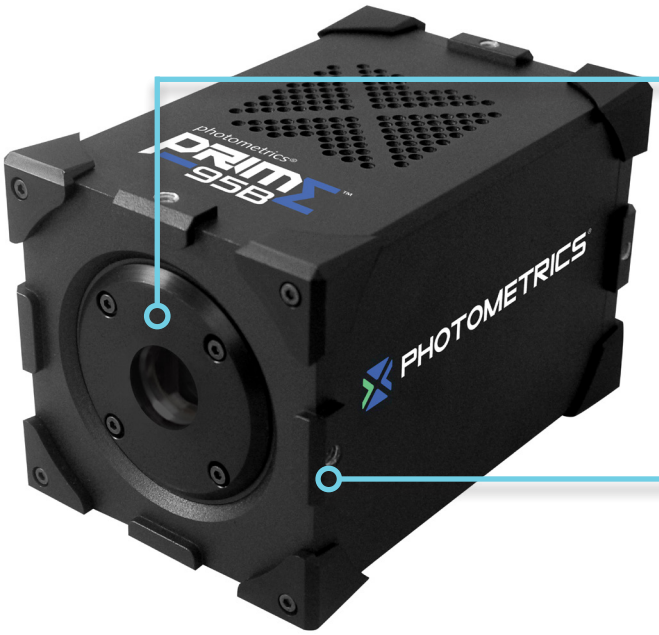

1.4 Megapixel BSI CMOS Sensor

Backside Illuminated Sensor
1.6e- Read Noise (Median)
>95% peak QE
80,000e- full well
11 x 11µm pixels
18.7mm diagonal

Easily Mounted and Secured

C-mount
Two ¼"-20 mounting holes per side

Convenient Interfaces

16-bit Data
- 41fps

12-bit Data
- 82fps

Multiple Cooling Options

Forced Air Cooling
- -10°C Cooling
- Selectable Fan Speed

Liquid Cooling
- -25°C Cooling
- Leak-proof, quick-disconnect ports

Advanced Triggering Capabilities

Effective Global Shutter
Up to four selectable expose-out lines

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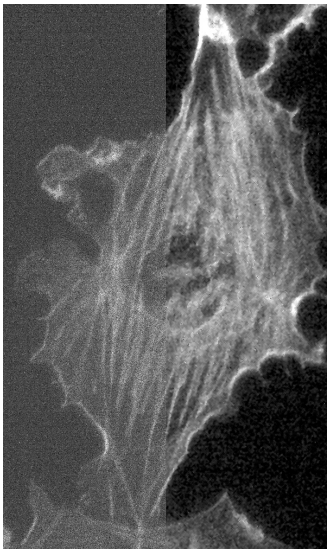
Embedded Signal Processing (ESP™) Features

PrimeEnhance



- Increase SNR 3x to 5x at low light levels by reducing photon shot-noise
- Preserve signal intensities ensuring quantitative measurements
- Extend cell lifetimes with reduced phototoxicity and photobleaching
- Extremely useful for low light imaging applications dominated by noise

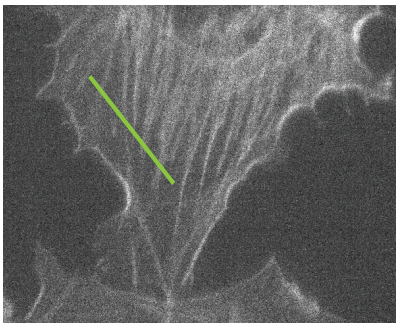
With the near-perfect sensitivity of Backside Illuminated Scientific CMOS sensors, the latest generation of scientific cameras have enabled imaging using only a few photons per pixel. Unfortunately, these minute signals are dominated by the natural Poisson variation in light levels preventing useful quantitation.

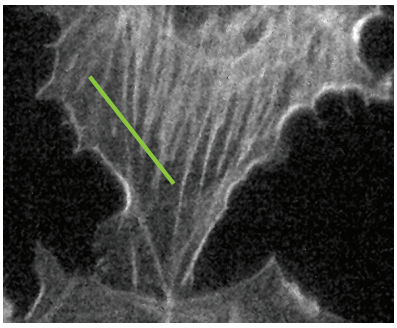
PrimeEnhance uses a quantitative SNR enhancement algorithm used in Life Science imaging to reduce the impact of photon shot-noise present in acquired images, leading to an increase in Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) by 3x to 5x with equivalent exposure times.

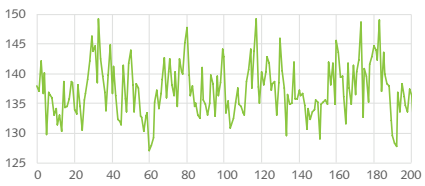
With PrimeEnhance, the exposure times can be reduced by a factor of 8-10X while maintaining the Signal to Noise ratio. This reduces the effects of cellular photo-damage and extends cell lifetimes.

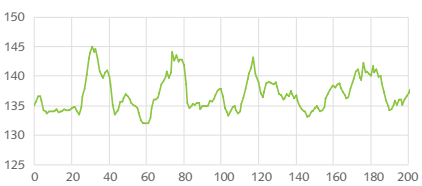
Invented at INRIA and further optimized for fluorescence microscopy at the Institut Curie, the denoising algorithm used in PrimeEnhance uses a patch based evaluation of image data and knowledge of the each individual camera's performance parameters to reduce the effects of photon shot-noise. The patches of image intensities and their noise characteristics are processed and evaluated with increasing neighborhood sizes during which weighted intensity averages are taken. This iterative process preserves not only the quantitative nature of the measured intensities, but also the maintains the finer features present in biological samples.

Detailed performance and methodology of the algorithm is available in the following publication:
Patch-based nonlocal functional for denoising fluorescence microscopy image sequences.
Boulanger J, Kervrann C, Bouthemy P, Elbau P, Sibarita JB, Salamero J. IEEE Trans. *Med Imaging* 2010 Feb.









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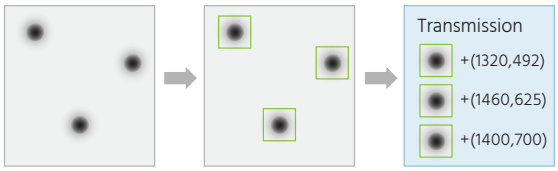
Embedded Signal Processing (ESP™) Features

PrimeLocate

Localization based super-resolution microscopy requires a sparsity of data to ensure proper localization of emitting molecules. Even with this sparsity, the full image frame is transferred to the host to be analyzed, creating a large amount data to be processed without adding useful information.

PrimeLocate dynamically evaluates image data and locates 500 regions per frame containing single molecule data relevant for super-resolution localization. Only these 500 regions are transferred to the host computer, drastically reducing the amount of data and time required for analysis.

By transferring only the relevant raw data, users have the freedom to use their preferred localization algorithm to generate super-resolution images.

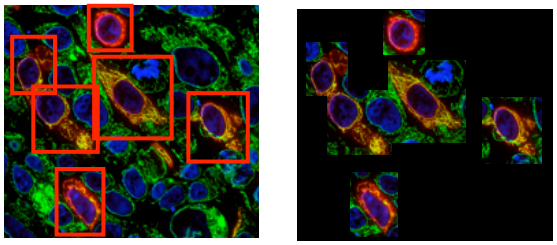


- Only the data within the patches is transferred to the host computer
- Processing time and storage requirements are easier to manage with the acquisition of only relevant data
- Ability to transfer 500 regions per frame
- Allows freedom to select preferred super-resolution localization algorithm

Multi-ROI

The surplus of data generated by sCMOS devices is challenging to acquire, analyze, and store, requiring special interfaces and expensive SSDs. While a large Field of View (FOV) is convenient for imaging, at times, only certain areas contain the desired information.

Multi-ROI allows users to select up to 15 unique ROIs within the FOV, and only these selected regions are transferred to the host computer. This allows for a large reduction in the amount of data acquired but ensures that the critical information is obtained.



- Only the data within the user-defined ROIs is transferred to the host computer
- Select up to 15 unique regions
- Significantly reduce the amount of data being acquired

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Specifications	Camera Performance
Sensor	GPixel GSense 144 BSI CMOS Gen IV, Grade 1 in imaging area
Active Array Size	1200 x 1200 pixels (1.44 Megapixel)
Pixel Area	11µm x 11µm (121µm²)
Sensor Area	13.2mm x 13.2mm 18.7mm diagonal
Peak QE%	>95%
Read Noise	1.6e- (Median) 1.8e- (RMS)
Full-Well Capacity	80,000e- (Combined Gain) 10,000e- (High Gain)
Dynamic Range	50,000:1 (Combined Gain)
Bit Depth	16-bit (Combined Gain) 12-bit (High Gain)
Readout Mode	Rolling Shutter Effective Global Shutter
Binning	2x2 (on FPGA)

Cooling Performance	Sensor Temperature	Dark Current
Air Cooled	-10°C @ 30°C Ambient	2.9e-/pixel/second
Liquid Cooled	-25°C @ 30°C Ambient	0.7e-/pixel/second

Specifications	Camera Interface
Digital Interface	PCIe, USB 3.0
Lens Interface	C-Mount
Mounting Points	2 x ¼ 20" mounting points per side to prevent rotation
Liquid Cooling	Quick Disconnect Ports

Triggering Mode	Function
Input Trigger Modes	Trigger-First: Sequence triggered on first rising edge Edge: Each frame triggered on rising edge SMART Streaming: Fast iteration through multiple exposure times
Output Trigger Modes	First Row: Expose signal is high while first row is acquiring data Any Row: Expose signal is high while any row is acquiring data All Rows: Effective Global Shutter – Expose signal is high when all rows are acquiring data Signal is high for set Exposure time Rolling Shutter: Effective Global Shutter – Expose signal is high when all rows are acquiring data Signal is High for set Exposure time – Readout Time
Output Trigger Signals	Expose Out (up to four signals), Read Out, Shutter Out, Trigger Ready

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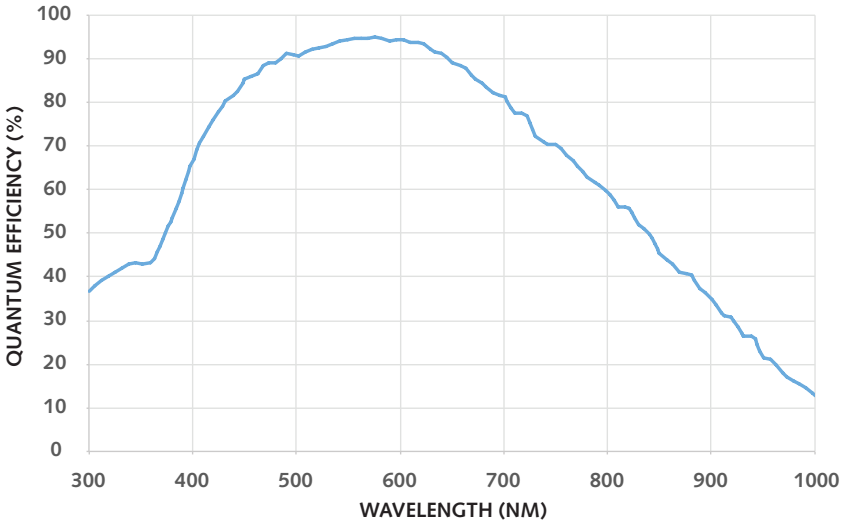


Frame Rate (PCIe interface)		
Array Size	**16-bit**	**12-bit**
1200 x 1200	41	82
1200 x 512	96	192
1200 x 256	192	384
1200 x 128	384	736

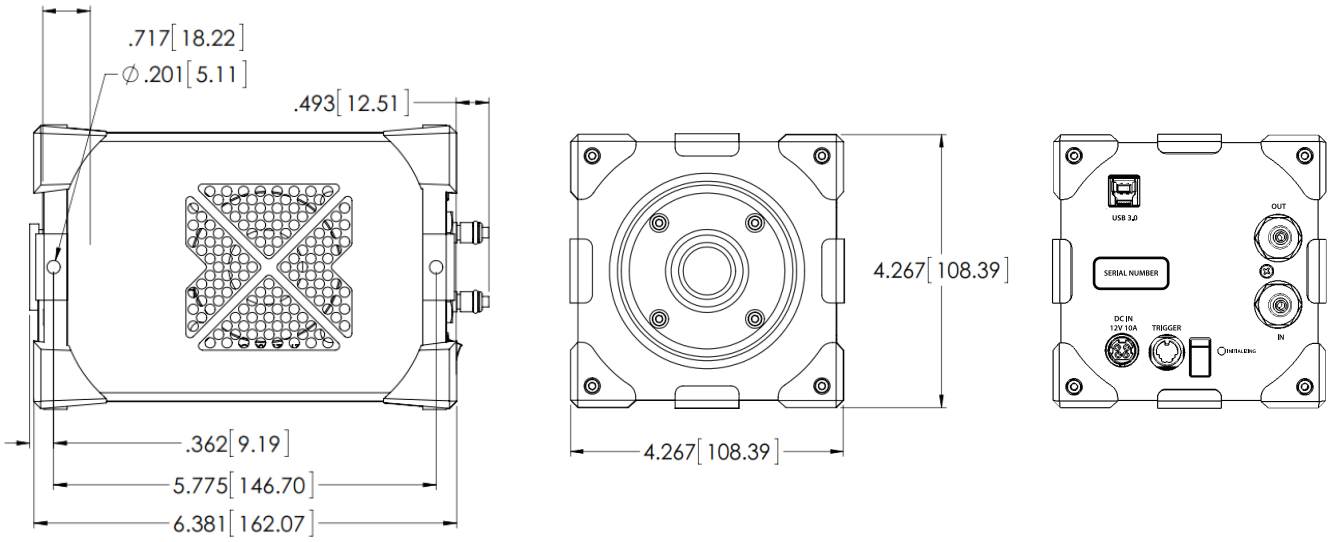
Accessories (Included)

- PCIe Card/Cable
- USB 3.0 Cable
- Trigger Cable
- Power Supply
- Manuals and QuickStart Guide
- Performance and Gain Calibration Test Data

Accessories (Additional)

- Liquid Circulator
- Liquid Cooling Tubes

Distance from C-mount to sensor



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