# PDL 800-D new



## **Picosecond Pulsed Diode Laser Driver**



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- Pulsed and cw operation
- Laser pulses as short as 50 ps (FWHM)
- Easy selectable repetition rates from 31.25 kHz to 80 MHz
- Laser pulse energy adjustable via driver unit
- Laser heads from 375 to 1550 nm, LED heads from 260 to 600 nm
- External trigger / Sync output



### **Applications**

- Time-resolved fluorescence spectroscopy
- Single Molecule Spectroscopy (SMS)
- Test and measurement of detectors and optical fibers
- Diffuse Optical Tomography (DOT) of biological tissue
- Quantum cryptography
- Confocal microscopy
- Stimulated Emission Depletion (STED) microscopy
- Materials research

#### **Picosecond Pulsed Diode Laser Driver**

The PDL 800-D is a new stand-alone driver for the picosecond laser diode heads from 375 to 1550 nm (LDH-P / D Series) as well as for the sub-nanosecond LEDs from 260 to 600 nm (PLS Series). These laser heads can emit light pulses as short as 70 ps FWHM (50 ps on selection) at repetition rates from single shot up to 80 MHz with peak powers up to 1 Watt. The PDL 800-D features easy-to-use controls for repetition frequency and laser pulse energy. The laser driver module is fully compatible to all LDH-P laser heads and can in addition drive the latest generation of laser heads, which also allow cw operation (LDH-D-C). Wavelengths can be changed quickly by simply plugging in a different laser or LED head.

The internal oscillator has two selectable base frequencies, 80 MHz and 1 MHz. Each base frequency can be further reduced by division through 1, 2, 4, 8, 16 and 32. The highest repetition frequency that can be derived is therefore 80 MHz, the lowest repetition rate is 31.25 kHz.

The laser pulses can also be triggered by an external trigger input so that the PDL 800-D can be synchronized with other instruments over the full frequency range. A sync output allows the PDL 800-D to trigger other components such as TCSPC electronics. The gating inputs allow to disable the laser output on two time scales through an external TTL-signal.

For multiple wavelengths experiments the PDL 808 "Sepia" is recommended, for automated systems the computer controlled multi-channel PDL 828 "Sepia II" is the best choice

Picosecond pulsed diode laser modules are also available in OEM quantities for system suppliers. These compact, cost-effective diode lasers with fixed parameters (repetition frequency, output power and wavelength) can easily be integrated into complex systems.

#### **Pulsed Light Sources**



LDH-P / D Series Picosecond Laser Diode Heads

Available wavelengths: 375 - 470, 635 - 1550 nm Pulsed and cw operation

Options: peltier cooled, high power version, narrow spectral bandwith, selected short pulses, fibre coupling to single-mode and multi-mode optical fibres



PLS Series Sub-nanosecond pulsed LEDs

Available wavelengths: 260 - 600 nm Optional: spectral bandpass filter



INVISIBLE OR VISIBLE
LASER RADIATION

AVOID DIRECT ESPOSURE TO BEAM
CLASS 3B LASER PRODUCT
IEC / EN 60825-1

#### Specifications

**Internal Oscillator** 

Type ..... Crystal locked

Operation mode . . . . . Pulsed or continuous-wave Base frequencies . . . . . 80 MHz, 1 MHz (selectable)

Repetition frequencies . . . . user-selectable: 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16

1/32 of base frequency: - 80, 40, 20, 10, 5 or 2.5 MHz

- 1000, 500, 250, 125, 62.5 or 31.25 kHz

**External Trigger Input** 

Amplitude . . . . . . . . . . . 5 to +5 V (maximum limits) Trigger level (adjustable) . . . -1 to +1 V (negative slope)

Pulse width .....>5 ns

Frequency range..... 10 Hz to 80 MHz

Impedance ...... 50 Ohms (dynamic)

>500 Ohms (static)

Connector type . . . . . . . . BNC (female)

**Synchronization Output** 

Amplitude . . . . . < -800 mV into 50 Ohms (NIM)

Pulse width . . . . . . . . 6 ns

Impedance ......50 Ohms

Connector type . . . . . . . SMA (female)

**Gating Inputs** 

Slow gate ...... Transition time <1 ms (pulsed and cw)
Fast gate ...... Transition time typ. 10 ns (pulsed only)

Remote Interlock

Voltage . . . . . . . . . <7 VDC Loop resistance . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 Ohms max.

**Power Supply** 

Power consumption. . . . . . 45 Watts max.

**Dimensions** 

Temperature Range. . . . . . 10 - 40 °C

Further available are Modulated and Fast Swichted Diode Lasers; PC Modules for TCSPC and Fluorescence Lifetime Spectrometer; Time-resolved Fluorescence Microscopes; Upgrade kit for Laser Scanning Microscopes. Please call for detailed information and data sheets. OEM Modules of all products are available upon request. Please check our webpage for latest changes of specs.

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