TOPAS Optical Parametric Amplifiers for Ti:Sapphire Lasers

TOPAS is a series of femtosecond optical parametric amplifiers (OPAs) for Ti:Sapphire lasers which delivers continuous wavelength tunability from 189 nm to 20 μm, high conversion efficiency, high output stability, and full computer control. With more than 2000 units installed worldwide, TOPAS has become an OPA market leader for numerous scientific applications. TOPAS can be pumped by Ti:Sapphire lasers with pulse duration from 20 fs to 200 fs and pulse energy from 15 μJ to 60 mJ. Custom solutions beyond the given specifications are available; contact sales@lightcon.com for more details.

TOPAS | PRIME-HE

High Energy Optical Parametric Amplifier

FEATURES

- 189 nm 20 μm tuning range
- Up to 60 mJ pump pulse energy
- Up to 50% conversion efficiency
- High output stability
- CEP stabilization of Idler
- Fresh pump channel for improved temporal and spatial properties of sum-frequency options



TOPAS-PRIME-HE tuning curves. Pump: 22 mJ, 45 fs, 805 nm



TOPAS-PRIME-HE is a high-energy femtosecond optical parametric amplifier based on TOPAS-PRIME with an additional high energy and low dispersion amplification stage which allows using pump pulse energy of up to 60 mJ while maintaining the shortest possible pulses at the output. The standard TOPAS-PRIME-HE model accepts pump pulse energy of up to 8 mJ @ 35 fs (up to 20 mJ @ 100 fs), while TOPAS-PRIME-HE-PLUS accepts higher pump pulse energy, up to 18 mJ @ 35 fs (up to 47 mJ @ 100 fs). The pump pulse energy of 60 mJ is possible with longer pulses, ca. 150 fs. Both models come with wavelength extension options, covering the wavelength range from 189 nm to 20 μm for TOPAS-PRIME-HE and 240 nm to 20 μm for TOPAS-PRIME-HE-PLUS.

Collinear Optical Parametric Amplifier

FEATURES

- 189 nm 20 μm tuning range
- Up to 5 mJ pump pulse energy
- > 25% conversion efficiency
- High output stability
- CEP stabilization of Idler
- Fresh pump channel for improved temporal and spatial properties of sum-frequency options



TOPAS-PRIME is a collinear femtosecond optical parametric amplifier designed for Ti:sapphire lasers. The standard TOPAS-PRIME model accepts pump pulse energy of up to 3.5 mJ @ 35 fs (up to 4 mJ @ 100 fs), while TOPAS-PRIME-PLUS accepts higher pump pulse energy, up to 5 mJ @ 35 – 100 fs. Both models come with wavelength extension options, covering a wavelength range from 189 nm to 20 μm.

TOPAS | SHBC-400

Narrow-Bandwidth Optical Parametric Amplifier

FEATURES

- Femtosecond pulse conversion to < 20 cm⁻¹ spectral bandwidth
- 240 nm 10 μm tuning range
- Up to 4 mJ pump pulse energy
- High output stability

TOPAS-SHBC-400 combines a second harmonic bandwidth compressor (SHBC) and an optical parametric amplifier (OPA) for the generation of tunable pulses with a spectral bandwidth of 3 - 20 cm⁻¹ when pumped by femtosecond pulses with a spectral bandwidth of 150 - 500 cm⁻¹. The device is designed



to be pumped by a fundamental harmonic of a femtosecond Ti:Sapphire laser and covers a wavelength range from 480 to 2400 nm.

Optional frequency mixers extend the tuning range down to 240 nm and up to 10 μm.

TOPAS | TWINS

Dual Optical Parametric Amplifier

FEATURES

- Two independently tunable outputs
- 240 nm 20 μm tuning range, in each channel
- > 25% conversion efficiency
- High output stability

TOPAS-TWINS consists of two independently tunable optical parametric amplifiers (OPAs) integrated into a single housing. Both OPAs share the same white light source to provide excellent stability of both outputs, and CEP stabilized MIR pulses in a tuning range of 4.5 – 15 μm.



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Both OPAs come with wavelength extension options, covering the wavelength range from 240 nm to 20 µm. Output specifications for each OPA are the same as those of TOPAS-PRIME. The maximum pump pulse energy depends on the pulse duration; see the specifications for more details.

