

Features and Benefits

- Pre-aligned, pre-calibrated detector & spectrograph**

Motorized, individually factory-calibrated systems – out-of-the-box operation and seamless integration to experimental set-ups

- Image astigmatism correction**

Optimized toroidal optics enabling high density multi-track capabilities

- USB 2.0 interface**

Plug and play connectivity, ideal for laptop operation alongside Andor USB cameras

- Motorized, indexed triple grating turret**

Easily upgradable in-the-field

- Dual detector outputs**

For extended wavelength coverage when combining Andor UV-Visible CCD and InGaAs cameras
Compatible with Andor's range of CCD, ICCD & EMCCD cameras

- Wide range of accessories available**

The ultimate in modular set-up and in-field upgradability, including:

- Motorized slits & filter wheel
- Microscope interfaces
- Shutters
- Fibre-optic & lens couplers
- Multi-way fibre-optic bundles
- Light sources and optics

- Silver-protected coated optics option**

Most efficient for Near-Infrared detection when used in conjunction with Andor InGaAs cameras

- Integrated in EPICS ^{v22}**

Supported by EPICS control software

Research-grade high performance spectrograph

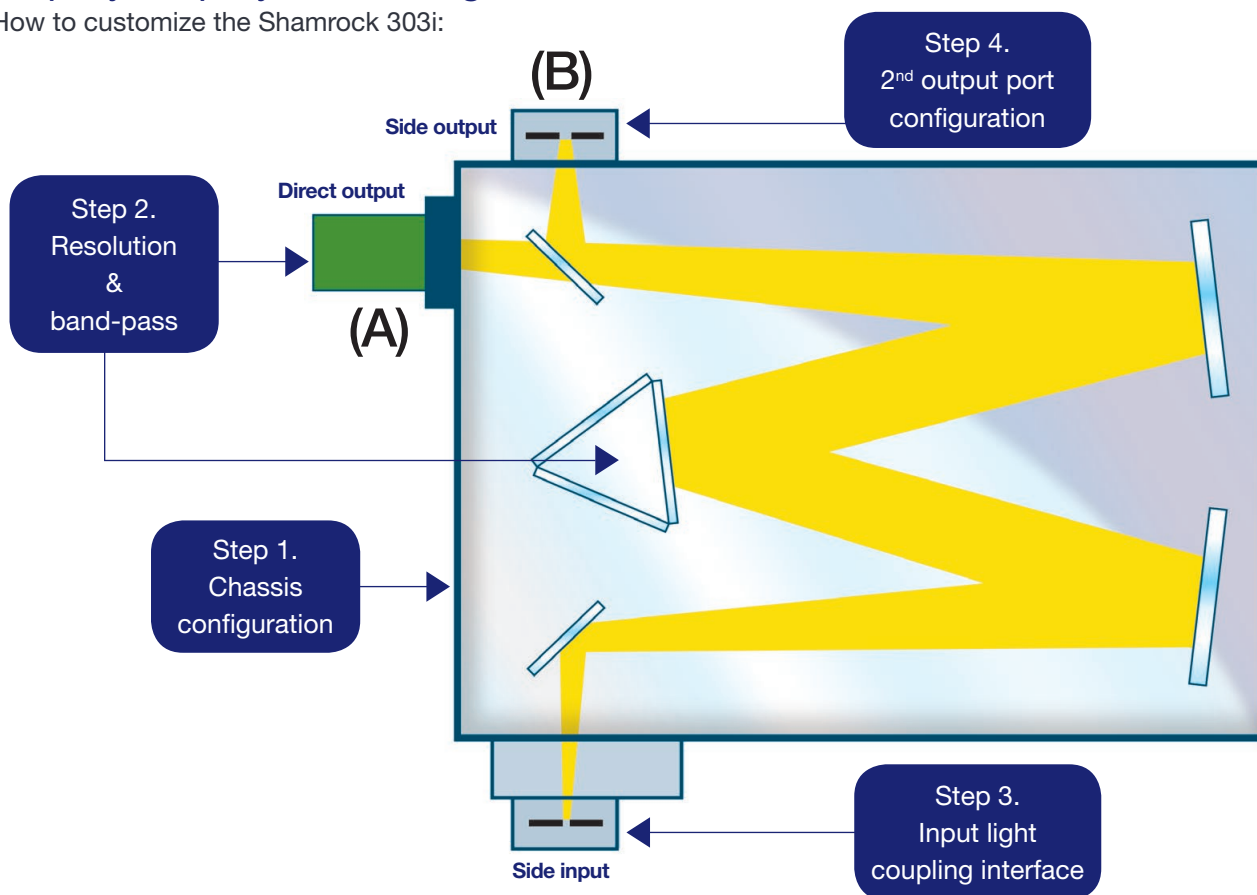
The Shamrock 303i spectrograph is a research-grade, high performance and rugged platform designed for working with demanding low-light applications, but equally suited to day-to-day routine measurements. It is a highly versatile platform configurable seamlessly with a wide range of light coupling interfaces and gratings upgradeable in-the-field. The Shamrock 303i can be seamlessly integrated with Andor's world-class range of CCDs, Electron-Multiplying CCDs, InGaAs and Intensified CCDs to offer a versatile, yet most sensitive modular solutions on the market. Andor Solis software offers the most user-friendly and state-of-the-art real-time control of detectors, spectrograph and motorized accessories at the touch of a button.

Specifications Summary

Resolution with Newton DU940 CCD	
1200 l/mm @ 500 nm	0.10 nm
2400 l/mm @ 300 nm	0.05 nm
Aperture	F/4
Focal length	303 mm
Magnification @ centre of CCD	
Vertical, spectral flange	1
Vertical, multi-track flange	1
Gratings	Interchangeable indexed triple turret
Slit width range (input/output)	Motorized 10 µm to 2.5 mm Wide aperture option to 12 mm
Communication	USB 2.0
Wavelength accuracy	0.04 nm
Wavelength repeatability	4 pm
Stray light	2.2 x 10 ⁻⁵

Step-by-Step System Configuration

How to customize the Shamrock 303i:



Step 1. - Chassis configuration

- Select either a single output port (model A) or dual output port (model B) option.
- Select type of optics coating required (aluminium + MgF_2 is standard, protected silver coated optics available on request for NIR detection).
- Select purge port option (for improved detection down to 180 nm), and shutter for background acquisition and detectors protection.

Step 2. - Resolution & band-pass

- Select the appropriate Shamrock spectrograph platform, giving due consideration to bandpass and spectral range requirement.
- Select gratings and detector to fulfill resolution requirements.
- Select gratings for suitable wavelength coverage.

Step 3. - Input light coupling interface

Refer to accessory tree for available configurations (direct coupling, fibre coupling or 3rd party hardware connectivity).

Step 4. - 2nd exit port configuration

Refer to accessory tree for available configurations, including camera flanges.

Step 5. - Software interface

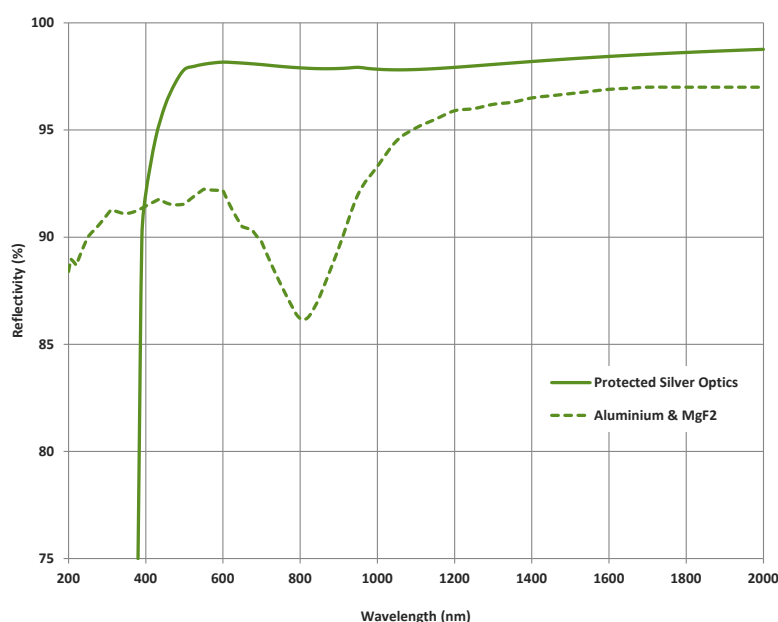
Select either state-of-the-art Solis software or Software Development Kit (SDK) option – please refer to appropriate section for further information.

Step 1 - Chassis Configuration

Ordering Information

Model	Side input port	Direct output port	Side output port	Motorized flipper mirror
SR-303i-A	Motorized slit	Camera	-	-
SR-303i-B	Motorized slit	Camera	Camera (standard) Optional motorized slit	✓
SR-303i-X-SIL	Protected silver coated optics for models shown above (replace X with relevant model number)			

Optics Coatings Reflectivity Graph

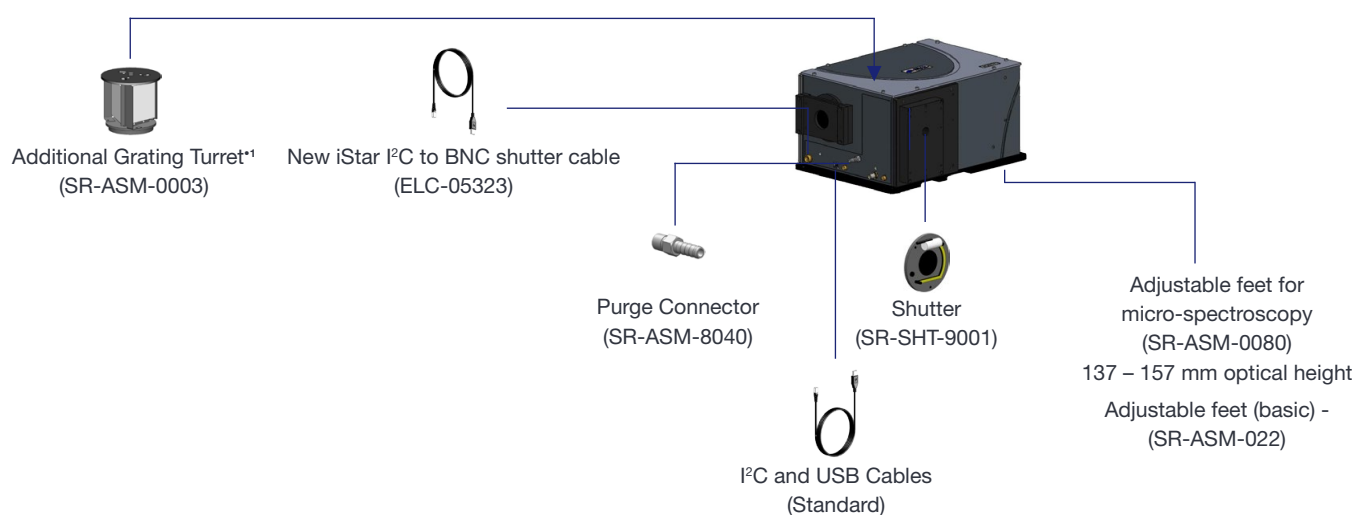


The graph shows the standard Al + MgF₂ optics coatings reflection efficiency versus wavelengths.

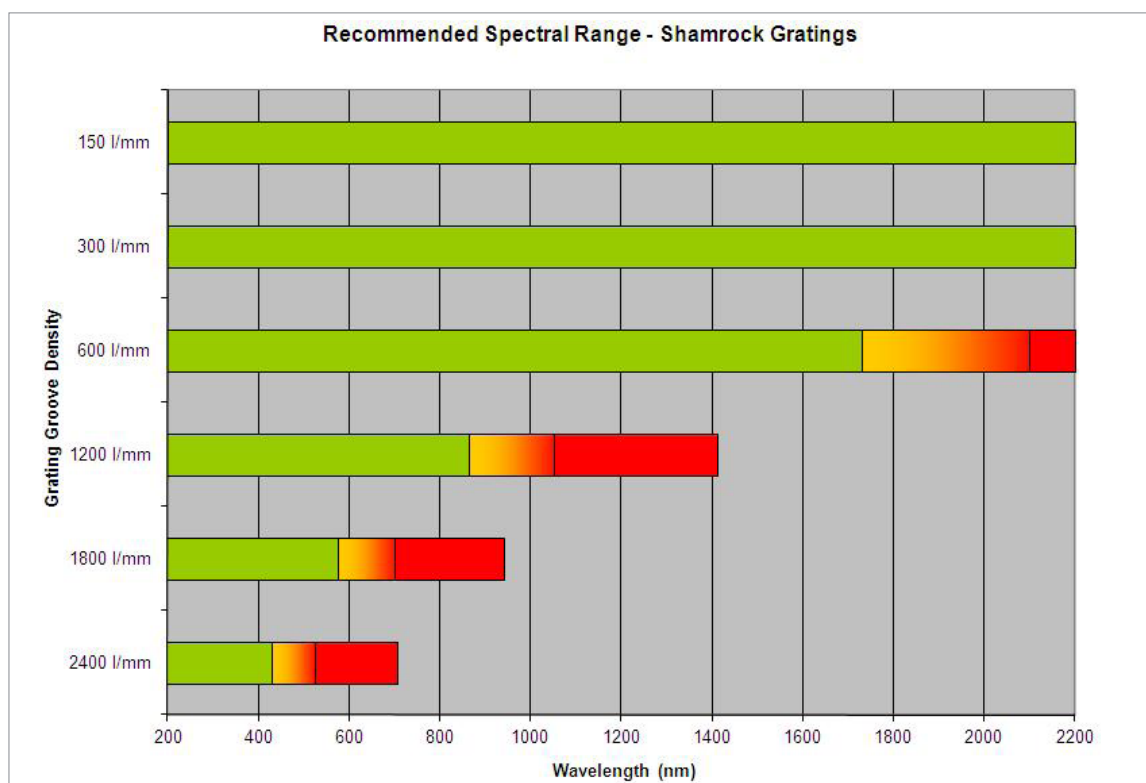
Protected silver coated optics option is also available on request for maximum efficiency in the NIR region and is recommended for working with Andor iDus InGaAs detectors.

When choosing protected silver coatings, it is strongly recommended to also order **protected silver coated gratings** for maximum efficiency throughout the system.

Chassis Accessories



Step 2a - Choosing The Right Platform vs Dispersion Requirements



Resolution calculator

andor.com/calculators**Green**

'Aberration-free' region

OrangePossible impact on
system resolution**Red**Likely impact on system
resolution

Czerny-Turner spectrographs are designed to provide the best optical performance for a range of grating angles as indicated by the green parts of the graph above. Outside this range, the spectral lines may exhibit a degree of optical aberration (such as coma), which will become more prominent at the steeper angles. These configurations are indicated by the orange to red scales on the graph. In these regions, consideration should be given to higher spectrograph focal length models with lower groove density gratings to achieve the desired resolution.

	Grating (l/mm)					
	150	300	600	1200	1800 (Holo)	2400 (Holo)
Shamrock 193						
Bandpass (nm) ^{*2,*4}	902	445	215	98	56	46 ^{*5}
Resolution (nm) ^{*3,*4}	1.96	0.96	0.47	0.21	0.12	0.10 ^{*5}
Shamrock 303i						
Bandpass (nm) ^{*2,*4}	600	297	144	67	39	32 ^{*5}
Resolution (nm) ^{*3,*4}	0.88	0.43	0.21	0.10	0.06	0.05 ^{*5}
Shamrock 500i						
Bandpass (nm) ^{*2,*4}	357	177	86	40	26	19 ^{*5}
Resolution (nm) ^{*3,*4}	0.52	0.26	0.13	0.06	0.04	0.03 ^{*5}
Shamrock 750						
Bandpass (nm) ^{*2,*4}	242	120	59	28	18	14 ^{*5}
Resolution (nm) ^{*3,*4}	0.35	0.18	0.09	0.04	0.03	0.02 ^{*5}

Where aberration is a concern for a particular experimental set-up, the table above shows resolution and band-pass performance for a variety of alternative configurations. This should be used in conjunction with the graph above to assist in selecting the most appropriate Shamrock spectrograph platform to meet resolution and band-pass needs, whilst minimising the risk of potential aberration.

Step 2b - Choosing The Right Grating vs Resolution & Band-pass

The Shamrock 303i features an innovative triple grating turret, designed to offer flexibility and control over your choice and interchange of gratings. The triple grating turret can be easily and speedily removed, and replaced by an alternative turret with new gratings. The intelligent design of the 303i means that only a simple offset adjustment is required once the new turret and gratings are added. The 303i is shipped with the grating turret already in place, ensuring your system is ready for use straight out of the box. Additional grating turrets are available with up to three pre-installed gratings per turret (see below for details). If the grating you require is not on the list, please contact Andor for further details. Additional grating turret(s) (part number SR-ASM-0003) can also be supplied on request.



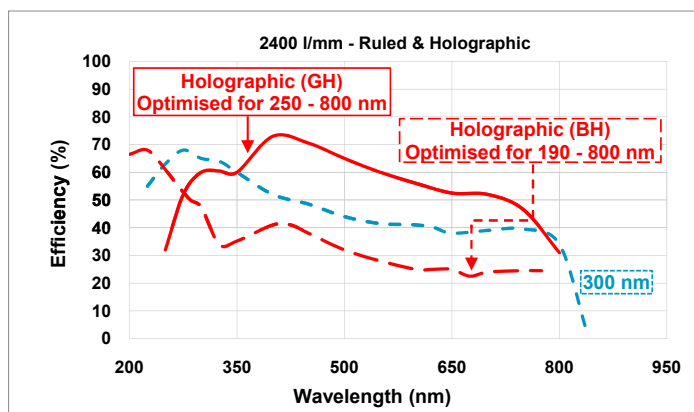
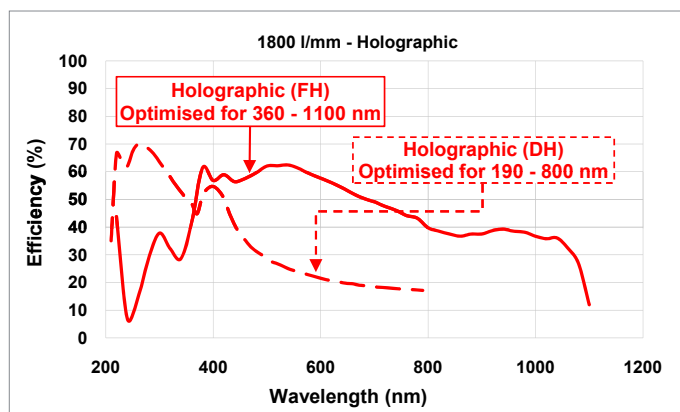
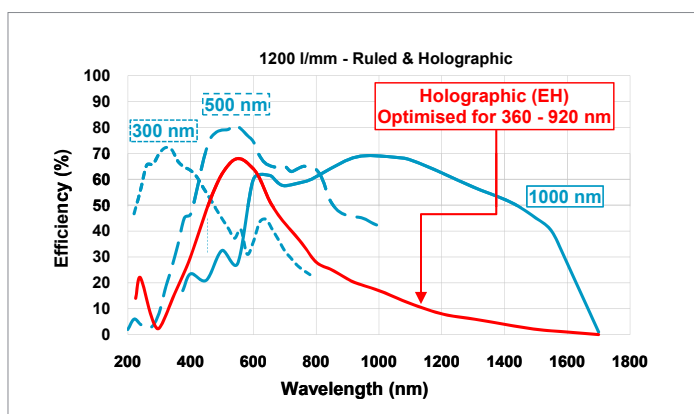
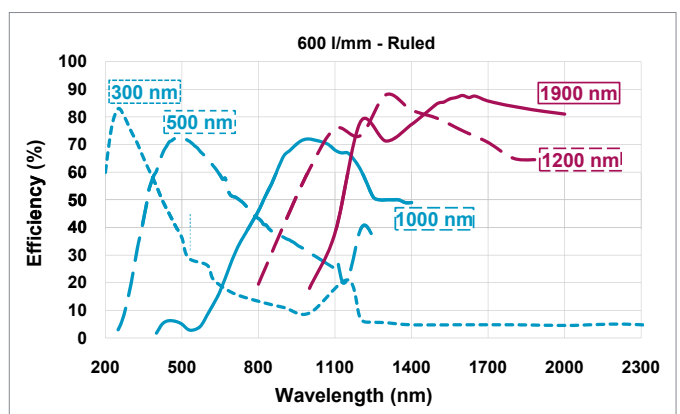
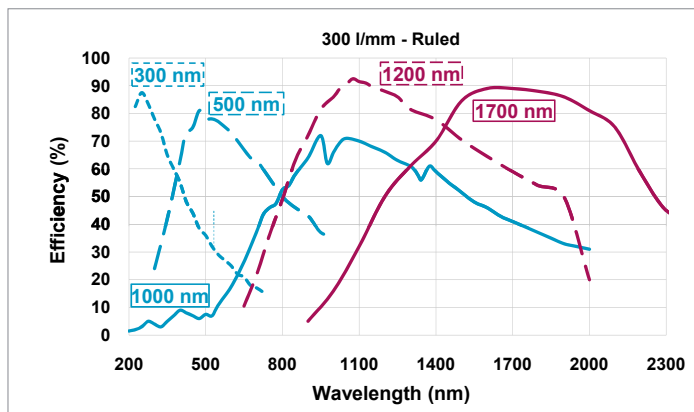
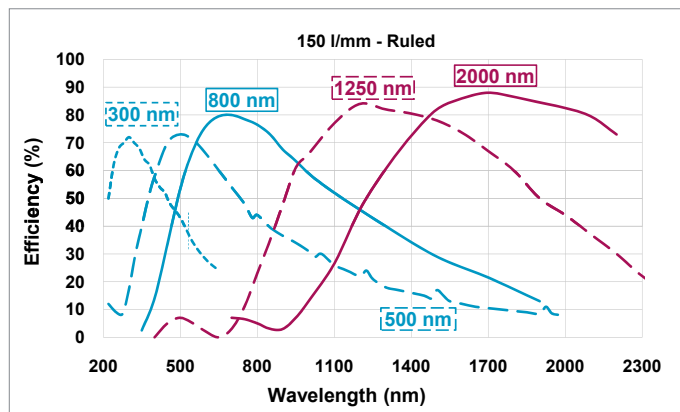
Lines/mm	Blaze (nm)	Nominal dispersion (nm/mm)*6	Bandpass (nm)*2,*6	Resolution (nm)*3,*6,*9	Peak efficiency (%)	Andor part number	Maximum recommended wavelength (nm)	Maximum attainable wavelength (nm)
150	300	21.79	603	0.89	72	SR3-GRT-0150-0300	6910	11300
150	500	21.70	600	0.88	73	SR3-GRT-0150-0500		
150	800	21.56	596	0.87	80	SR3-GRT-0150-0800		
150	1250	21.32	589	0.86	84	SR3-GRT-0150-1250		
150	2000	20.87	577	0.85	88	SR3-GRT-0150-2000		
300	300	10.83	299	0.44	88	SR3-GRT-0300-0300	3455	5650
300	500	10.73	297	0.43	81	SR3-GRT-0300-0500		
300	1000	10.43	288	0.42	72	SR3-GRT-0300-1000		
300	1200	10.30	285	0.42	92	SR3-GRT-0300-1200		
300	1700	9.91	274	0.40	89	SR3-GRT-0300-1700		
600	300	5.34	148	0.22	84	SR3-GRT-0600-0300	1730	2825
600	500	5.22	144	0.21	72	SR3-GRT-0600-0500		
600	1000	4.82	133	0.20	72	SR3-GRT-0600-1000		
600	1200	4.62	128	0.19	88	SR3-GRT-0600-1200		
600	1900 (@1600)*7	3.71 4.15	102 115	0.15*8 0.17	88	SR3-GRT-0600-1900		
1200	300	2.58	71	0.10	72	SR3-GRT-1200-0300	865	1410
1200	500	2.41	67	0.10	81	SR3-GRT-1200-0500		
1200	1000	1.77	49	0.07*8	69	SR3-GRT-1200-1000		
	(@ 800)*7	2.07	57	0.08	69			
1200	Holographic (500 nm peak)	2.41	67	0.10	81	SR3-GRT-1200-EH*		
1800	Holographic (250 nm peak)	1.68	46	0.07	62	SR3-GRT-1800-DH	575	940
1800	Holographic (380 nm peak)	1.43	39	0.06	70	SR3-GRT-1800-FH		
2400	300	1.16	32	0.05	68	SR3-GRT-2400-0300	430	705
2400	Holographic (220 nm peak)	1.23	34	0.05	68	SR3-GRT-2400-BH		
2400	Holographic (400 nm peak)	1.04	29	0.04	73	SR3-GRT-2400-GH		
Mirror	UV-VIS	-	-	-	-	SR3-GRT-MR-AL-MGF2	-	-
Mirror	VIS-NIR	-	-	-	-	SR3-GRT-MR-SILVER		

*Option for minimized scattered light.

Need to have maximum collection efficiency in the NIR/SWIR? All gratings are also available with protected silver coating. Please contact your local representative for further information.

Step 2c - Selecting The Correct Grating Efficiency Option

All graphs shown below represent efficiency for 45° polarisation

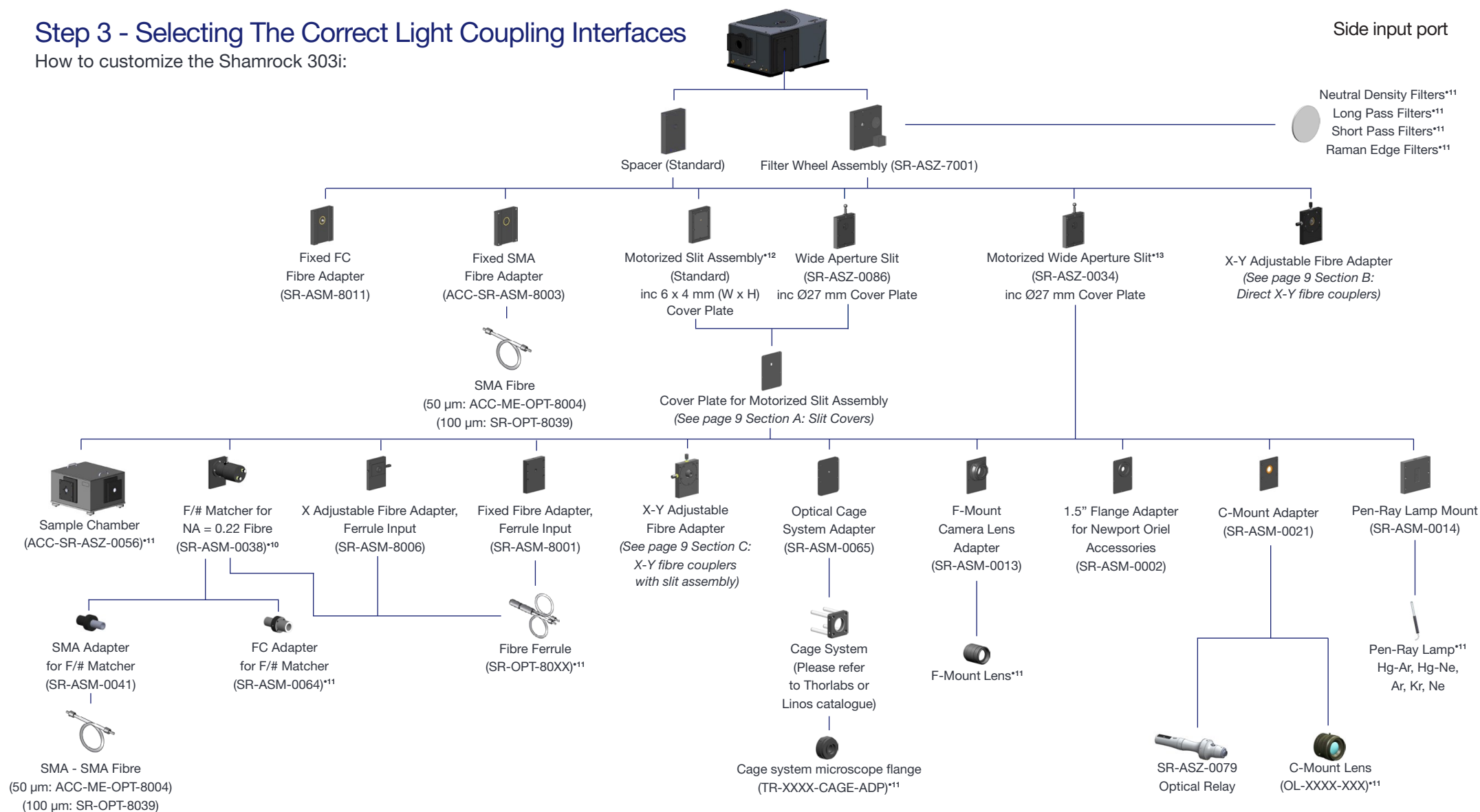


Important Consideration

System throughput is dependent on the grating's angle of operation and may decrease with higher grating operating angles.

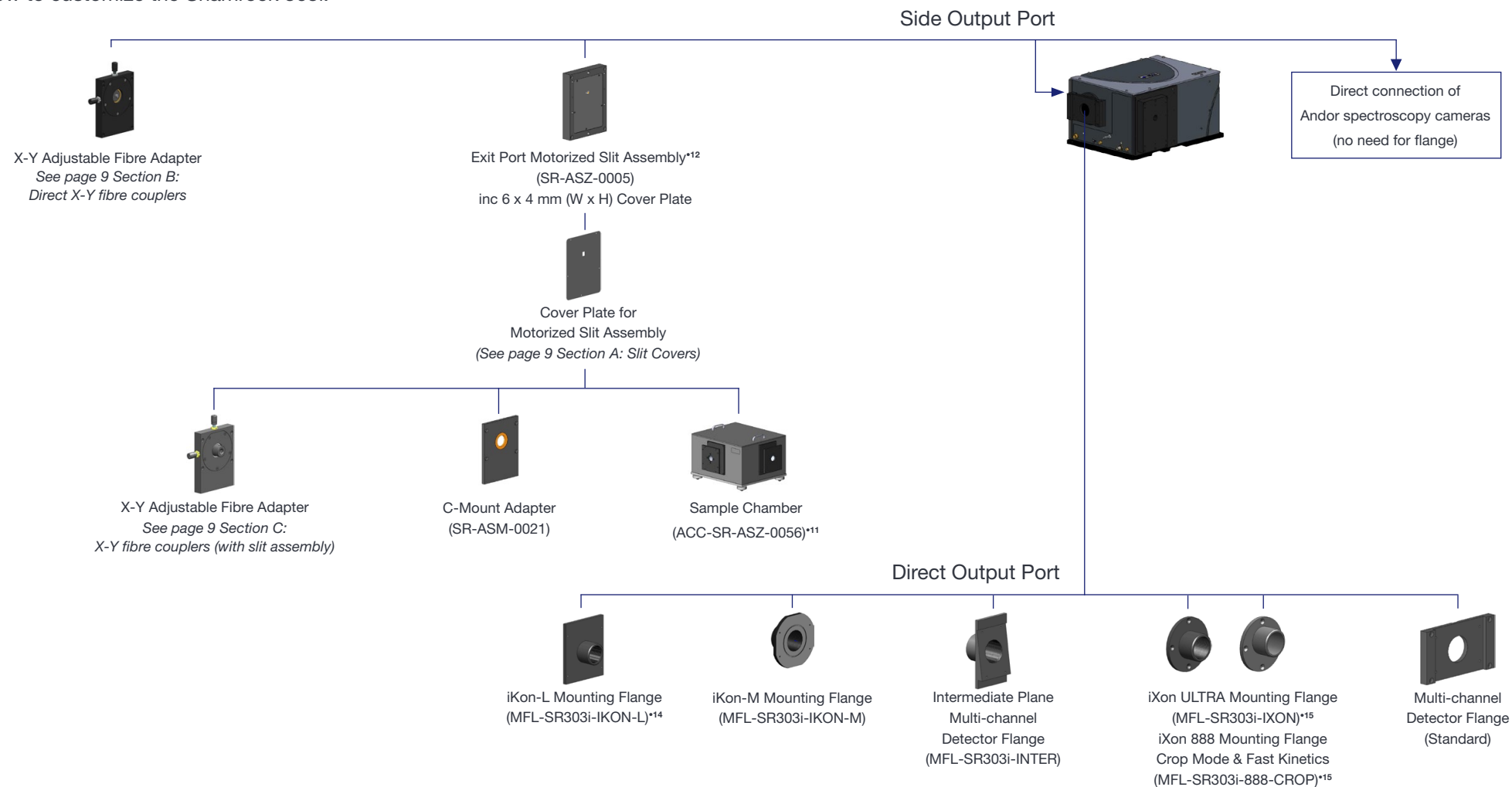
Step 3 - Selecting The Correct Light Coupling Interfaces

How to customize the Shamrock 303i:



Step 4 - Cameras & Output Port Flanges

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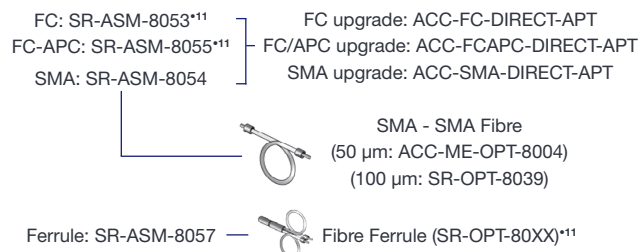


A: Slit Covers

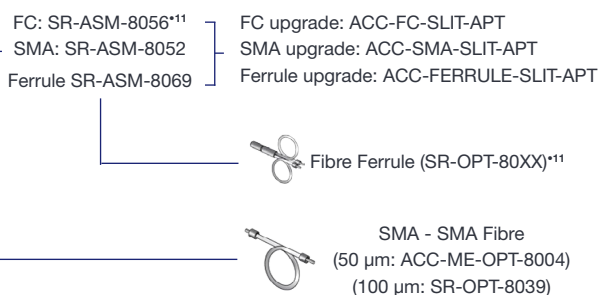
Cover Plate Apertures for Motorized Slit

Part No.	Size
SR-ASM-0010	6 x 8 mm (W x H)
SR-ASM-0011	6 x 14 mm (W x H)
SR-ASM-0015*16	Ø 15 mm
SR-ASM-0016*17	6 x 4 mm (W x H)
SR-ASM-0017	6 x 6 mm (W x H)

B: Direct X-Y Fibre Couplers



C: X-Y Fibre Couplers (with Slit Assembly)



Notes:

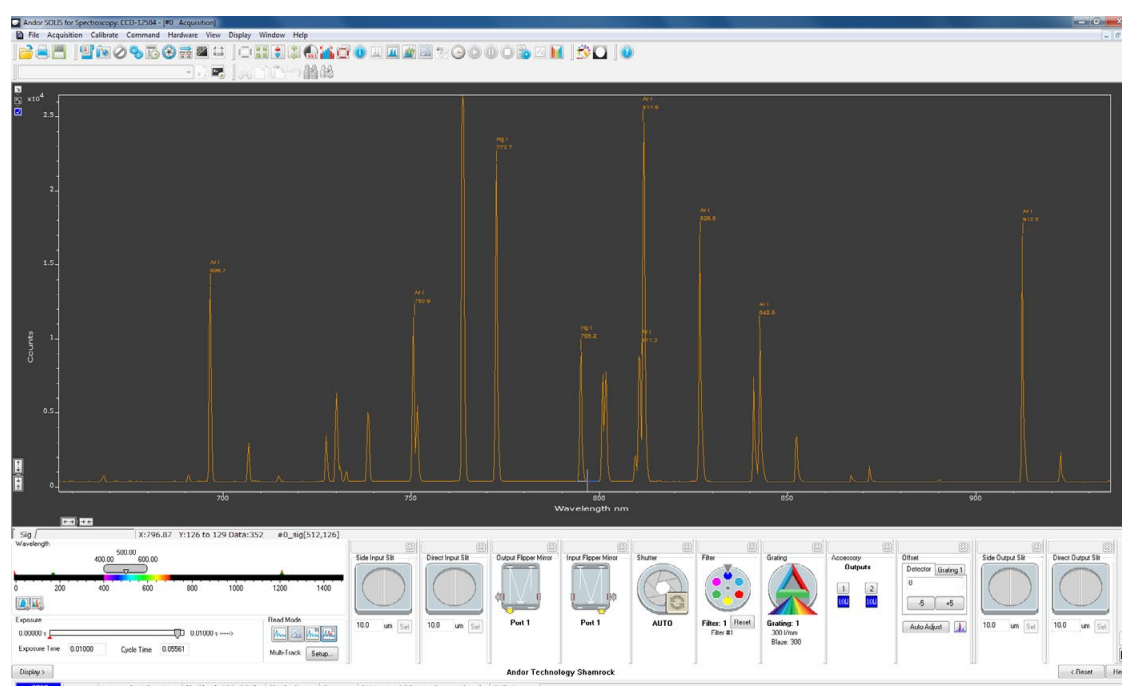
- For connection to manual slits, please also order Ø15 mm slit cover plate SR-ASM-0067
- For connection to motorized slits, please also order Ø15 mm slit cover plate SR-ASM-0015

Step 5 - Selecting A Software Option

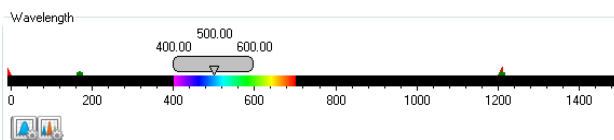
The Shamrock 303i requires at least one of the following software options:

- 1 - Solis Spectroscopy** A 32-bit and fully 64-bit enabled application for Windows (XP, Vista, 7 and 8) offering rich functionality for data acquisition and processing, as well as Andor cameras, spectrograph and motorized accessories simultaneous control. AndorBasic provides macro language control of data acquisition, processing, display and export.
- 2 - Standalone Solis Spectroscopy** GUI for standalone spectrograph operation.
- 3 - Andor SDK** software development kit that allows you to control the Andor range of Shamrock spectrographs from your own application. Compatible with 32-bit libraries for Windows (XP, Vista, 7 and 8). Compatible with C/C++, C#, VB6 and LabVIEW.

Solis Spectroscopy: Dedicated spectroscopy acquisition software



Wavelength drive



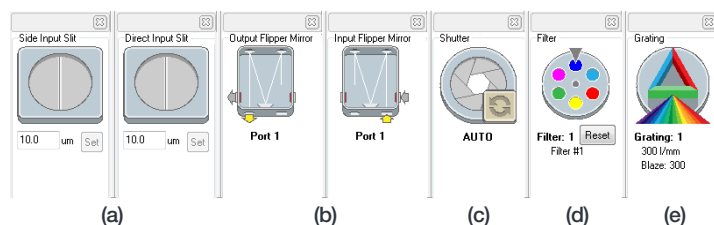
Set the wavelength range for the current grating - drag slider to desired wavelength or just type in appropriate value

Exposure time



Set the exposure time for the detector - quick access for easy acquisition optimization

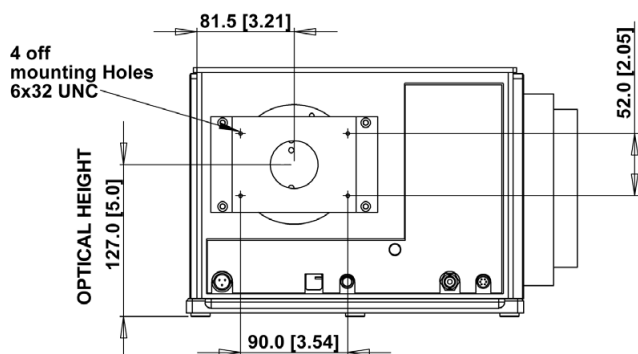
Real Time Control



- (a) Slit drive: Control the spectrograph slit width - drag blades on icon or type in required slit width
- (b) Flipper motor: Used to select the appropriate exit port
- (c) Shutter: Synchronization mode selection for shutter operation
- (d) Filter wheel: Used to select a particular filter on the filter wheel - just click on the desired filter position
- (e) Grating turret: Used for setting grating turret to a new position and bringing desired grating in the optical path - just click on the desired grating

Product Drawings

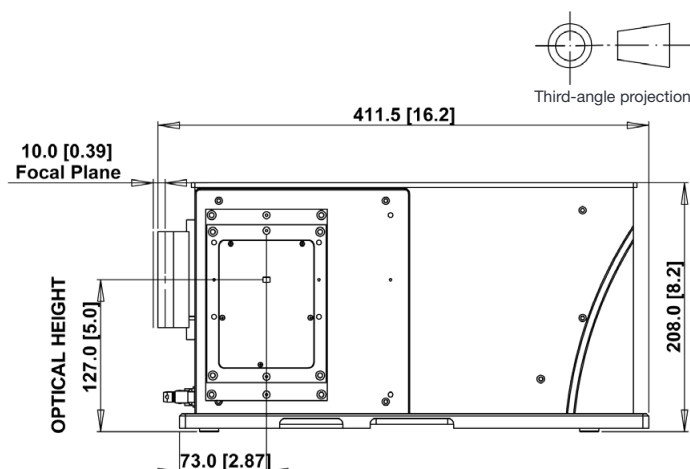
Dimensions in mm [inches]



Optical Axis

127 mm [5"] with pad feet

The optical path height is shown with standard feet attached.



Weight: 18.5 kg [40.78 lbs] approx

Screw Type Requirements

CCD flange to Spectrograph flange	4 off, M4 x 16
Camera to CCD flange	4 off, M3 x 10
iXon camera to iXon flange	4 off, M5 x 10, countersunk, hex head

Connecting to the Shamrock 303i

USB Shamrock Control

Connector type: USB 'B' type

I²C Interface

Connector type: 5-pin, 1 = I²C data, 2 = I²C clock, 3 = Earth, 4 = Shutter TTL, 5 = 5 V

Shutter Control

Connector type: BNC Female, 50 Ω

Wavelength Drive Performance

Wavelength accuracy * ¹⁸ Center	0.04 nm
Wavelength repeatability * ¹⁹	4 pm

Shutter Specifications

Maximum repetition rate	2 Hz
Minimum open/close time	15 ms
Minimum lifetime	Better than 100K cycles

Optical Properties

Focal plane size (mm, W x H)	30 x 14
Stray light * ²⁰ FVB (1 nm from laser) FVB (10 nm from laser) 1 mm strip (1 nm from laser) 1 mm strip (10 nm from laser)	8.3 x 10 ⁻⁴ 2.2 x 10 ⁻⁵ 6.1 x 10 ⁻⁴ 2.2 x 10 ⁻⁵

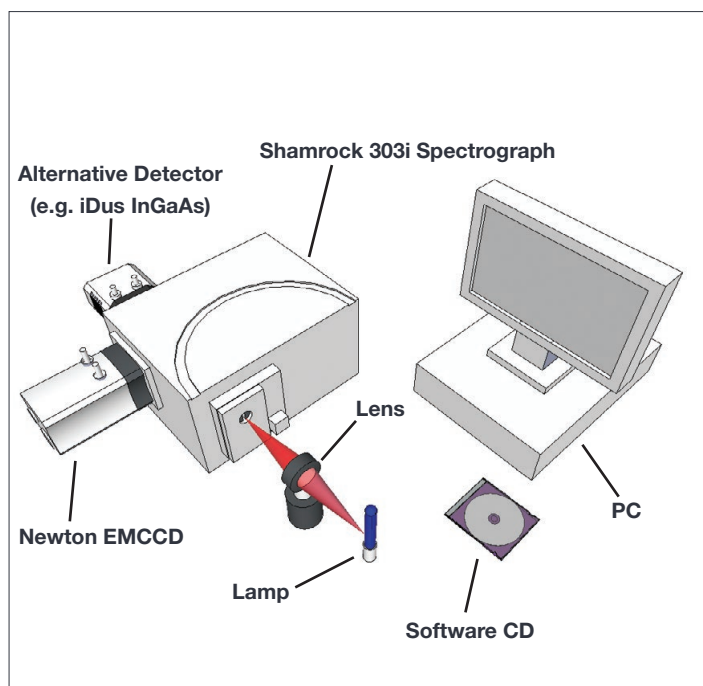
Wavelength Side Accuracy

Wavelength side accuracy * ²¹	0.08 nm
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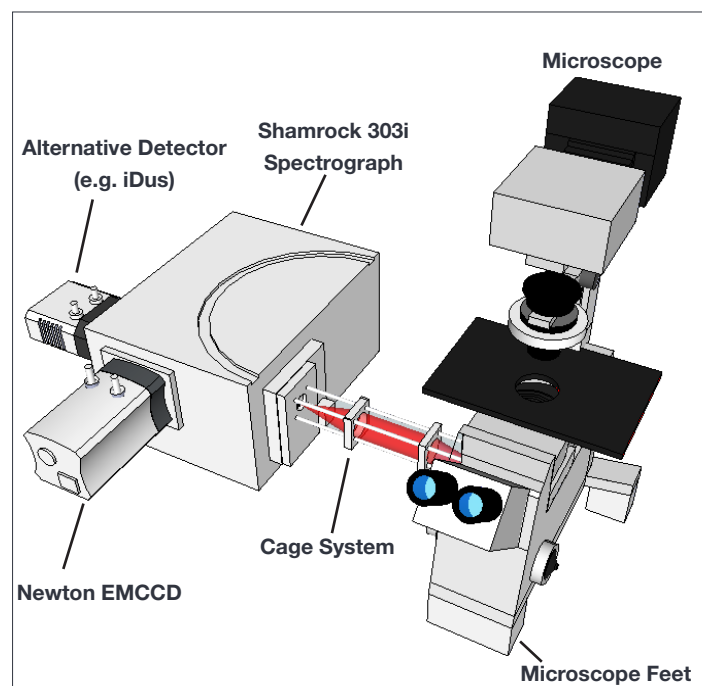
Applications Guide

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- ☒ Raman (Stimulated, Resonance, CARS, SERS, SORS, TERS)
- ☒ Fluorescence-Luminescence
- ☒ Micro-Fluorescence
- ☒ Photon Counting
- ☒ Single Molecule Spectroscopy
- ☒ Plasma Studies & LIBS
- ☒ Plasmonics

Typical Setup - Spectroscopy



Typical Setup - Microspectroscopy





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Items shipped with your spectrograph

- 1x 3 m USB 2.0 cable Type A to Type B
- 1x Power supply with 3 m mains cable
- 1x PCI / I²C cable
- 1x Camera / spectrograph I²C cable
- 1x CD containing Andor user guides
- 1x Individual system performance booklet
- 1x CD containing either Solis software or SDK (if requested at time of order)
- 1x Allen key set (2 mm, 3 mm & 5 mm)

Regulatory Compliance

Compliant with the requirements of the EU EMC and LVD Directives, compliant with the international EMC and safety standards IEC 61326-1 and IEC 61010-1.



Minimum Computer Requirements:

- 3.0 GHz single core or 2.4 GHz multi core processor
- 2 GB RAM
- 100 MB free hard disc to install software (at least 1 GB recommended for data spooling)
- USB 2.0 High Speed Host Controller capable of sustained rate of 40 MB/s
- Windows (XP, Vista, 7 and 8)

Footnotes: Specifications are subject to change without notice

1. In the case of a multiple grating turret order, please specify desired grating configuration for each turret.
2. Typical values quoted with 27.6 mm wide CCD, e.g. Newton DU940.
3. Typical values quoted with 10 µm slit and 13.5 µm pixel CCD, e.g. Newton DU940.
4. Typical values quoted @ 500 nm centre wavelength.
5. Typical values quoted @ 300 nm centre wavelength.
6. Typical values quoted at maximum efficiency wavelength or blaze wavelength unless otherwise stated.
7. Wavelength within the recommended operating spectral region.
8. Indicative values; the working range of these gratings is principally in the region where optical aberrations may alter the system resolution performance quoted.
9. Values shown are representative of a triple grating system, where resolution has been optimized to give the best performance for the three gratings and across the full recommended wavelength range. Useful signal is assumed to be imaged on the entire height of a 6.9 mm sensor (i.e. Newton DU940) and fully vertically binned.
10. Please refer to F/# matcher specification sheet for magnification considerations.
11. Please refer to the local sales representative or website for further information on available options and complimentary accessories.
12. Slit widths range from 10 µm to 2.5 mm motorized.
13. Slit widths range from 10 µm to 2.5 mm motorized (full opening at 12 mm manually for wide aperture slit. Standard slit cover aperture is Ø 27 mm.
14. Require shutterless camera models. Please contact your local representative for further information.
15. Additional I²C cable (ELC-00648) is required when operating Shamrock 303i with these cameras.
16. Recommended for use with fibre-optics and C-mount accessories.
17. Provided as standard.
18. Average measurements using > 30 calibration lines, covering the recommended grating angle operating range with a 1200 l/mm grating.
19. The standard deviation of 20 measurements of a peak's centre-of-mass position: between each measurement the drive is moved 10x including both wavelength and grating changes to reflect typical use.
20. Measured with a 633 nm laser and a 1200 l/mm grating for Full Vertical Binning (FVB) on a 6.9 mm high sensor, and a 1 mm strip vertically centred on the optical axis.
21. Side accuracy measured using a 27.6 mm wide sensor, reflecting the dispersion calibration and step-and-glue accuracy.
22. Only Andor CCD platforms (Newton, iDus, iKon) can be controlled in conjunction with Shamrock spectrographs in EPICS software

Operating & Storage Conditions

- Operating Temperature: 0°C to 30°C ambient
- Relative Humidity: < 70% (non-condensing)
- Storage Temperature: -25°C to 50°C

Power Requirements

- 100 - 240 VAC, 50 - 60 Hz



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