

mOCT_CTRL v1.2

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1. Introduction

Control software for the focus piezo and reference stage.

The software is hosted on Github at https://github.com/OCTSoftware/mOCT_CTRL/

2. Installation

- Install **Visual Studio Code** (<https://code.visualstudio.com/download>)
- Install **Python 3.12** (<https://www.python.org/downloads/release/python-3120/>)
 - Windows installer (64-bit)
 - Check "Use admin privileges when installing py.exe"
 - Check "Add python.exe to PATH"
 - Customize installation
 - Check "Install Python 3.12 for all users"
 - Check "Disable path length limit" at the end of the installation
- Download the mOCT_CTRL software from https://github.com/OCTSoftware/mOCT_CTRL/releases/tag/Release (zip file)
- Unzip files (and folders) to C:\mOCT\mOCT_CTRL
- Open Visual Studio Code
- Under Extensions (left site) enter **Python Extension Pack** and install it
- File -> Open folder ----> C:\mOCT\mOCT_CTRL
- Check "Yes trust this author" 😊
- Terminal -> New terminal
- Run "pip install -r .\requirements.txt"
- Start the **Kinesis software from Thorlabs** and check/note the serial number of the KCUBE.
- Start the **NI MAX Explorer from Ni** and view under Devices and Connections which name das the NI-USB-6001 device (e.g. Dev2).

- Select "Visual Studio Code -> Explorer" (left site) the file _internal/config.txt and change the `kcube_serial_number=28*****` and the `nidaq_device=Dev*`
- Select "Visual Studio Code -> Explorer" the file **mOCT_CTRL.py**
- Click on the run button (right / top in "Visual Studio Code")

3. Configuration

All settings are made in Config.txt **before** the program starts.

Select devices

True or False

```
USING_MIPOS = True
USING_KCUBE = True
USING_NKT = True
```

NIDAQ board device and ports

```
NIDAQ_DEVICE = Dev*
NIDAQ_AO_PORT = ao0
NIDAQ_AI_PORT = ai0
```

Thorlabs KCube serial number

```
KCUBE_SN = 28*****
```

StepSize

```
KCUBE_STEPSIZE = 0.1
```

Slider position for dedicated microscope objective lenses

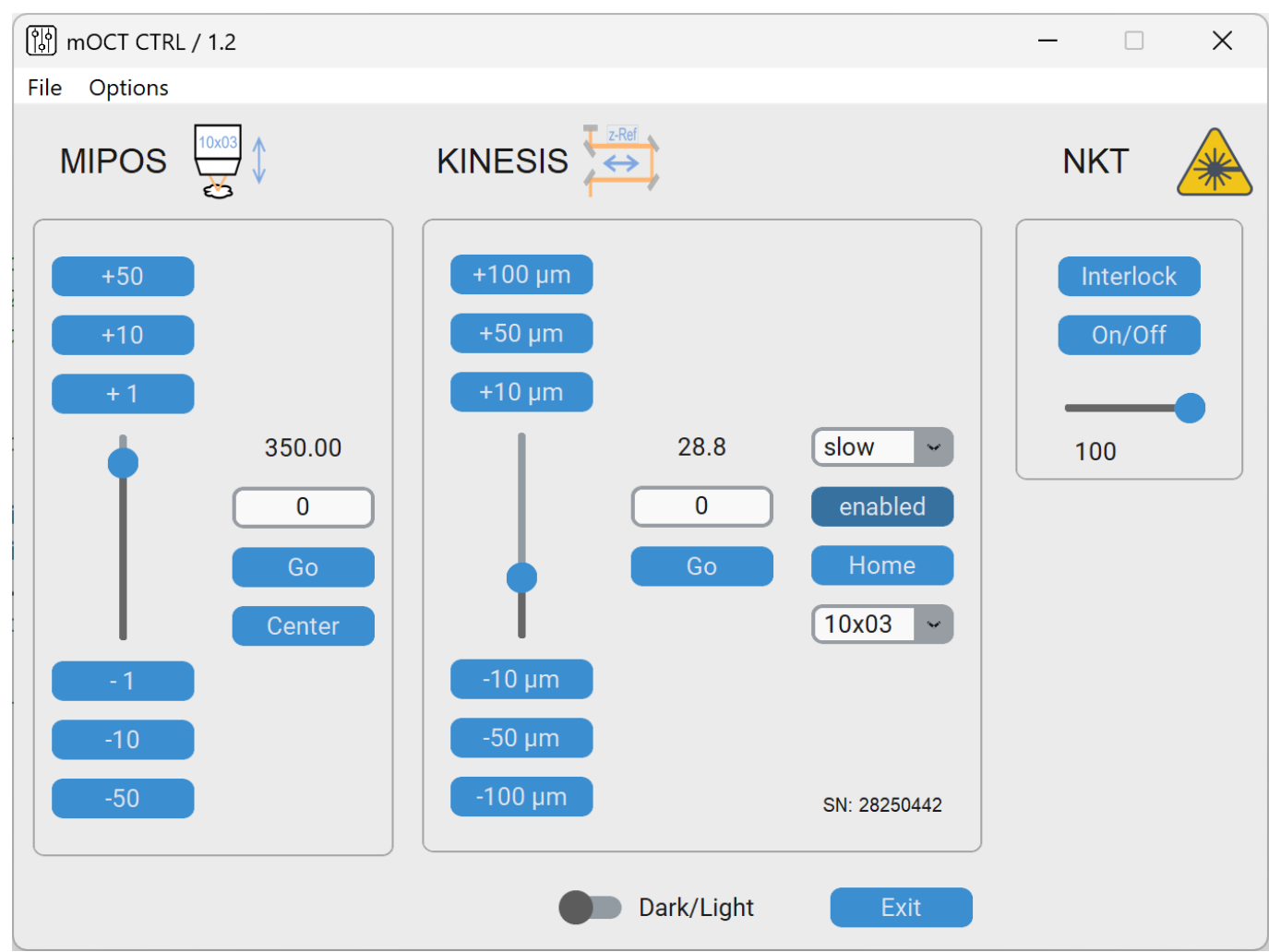
```
zero = 0.0
05x16 = 10.0
10x03 = 20.0
20x05 = 30.0
40x08 = 40.0
```

NKT

```
NKT_DEVICE = COM*
```

4. Howto

The program saves and loads automatically the position of the reference stage and of the dedicated microscope objective lens. The Parameters are saved in the 'config.txt' in the subfolder 'internal/'.



<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/71226142/pyinstaller-with-nidaqmx>

5. Changelog