

PLASUS – SOLUTIONS FOR PLASMA MONITORING, SPECTROSCOPIC ANALYSIS & PROCESS CONTROL IN R&D AND INDUSTRY

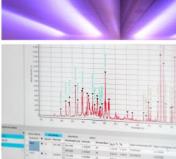




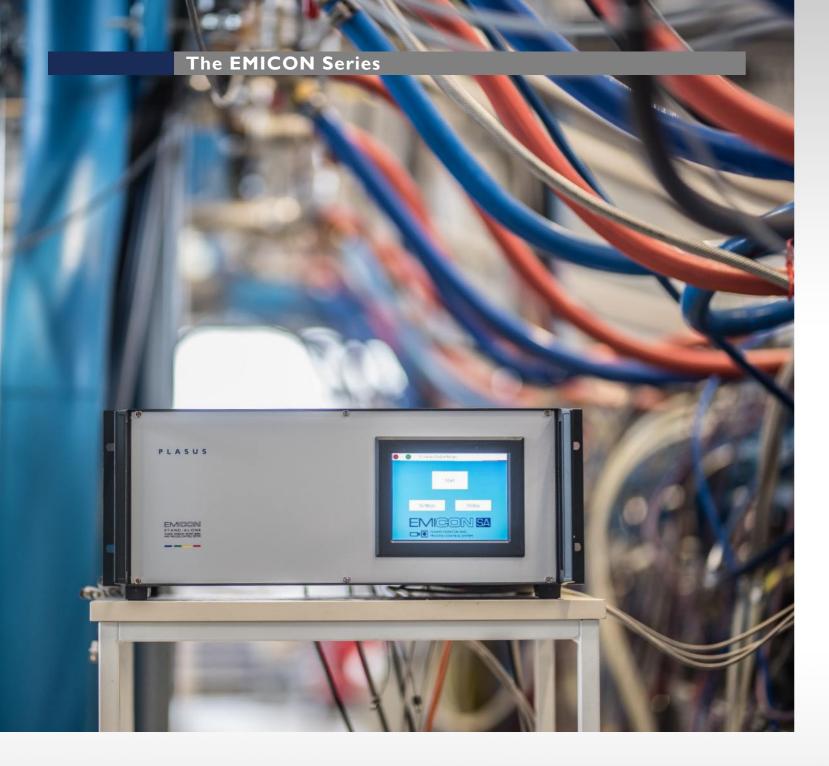








# SPECTROSCOPIC PLASMA MONITOR & PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS



EMICON systems are the first choice for comprehensive plasma monitoring and process control in R&D and production lines. Their unique technology of acquiring and combining all important process data in one system in real time makes the EMICON systems the worldwide benchmark for successful process control.

## Measurement data acquisition

The EMICON series features acquisition modules for various measurement data of modern plasma applications. The plasma emission module operates with fiber optic spectrometers that acquire continuously complete spectra of the plasma light emission from UV to NIR at high speed. The HIPIMS/Pulse module allows triggered sampling of voltage signals in the MHz range and the layer control module acquires reflectance and/or transmission spectra of growing films. In addition, signals from supplementary sensors can be fed in by analog voltage inputs.

#### Real time monitoring of plasma process parameters

From the acquired emission data, any number of plasma lines can be chosen whose intensities are observed and tracked simultaneously. This allows a continuous monitoring of the plasma condition and composition. The HIPIMS/Pulse module provides voltage and current values from pulse slices, e.g. the peak current of HIPIMS processes. The layer control module calculates the film thickness based on a broadband spectral fit or color values with respect to standard color spaces. All acquired data from the modules is derived in real time and can be displayed as function of time as so called monitor tracks and, thus, provides a comprehensive picture of the process status in real time.



#### **Process analysis**

All monitor track data as well as the module raw data can be stored for archiving and offline analysis. The stored data can be reviewed with the EMICON software in the replay mode. In this way, an in depth analysis of the plasma process can be carried out by reanalyzing the recorded raw data.

#### **Process optimization**

The high speed data acquisition and evaluation enables process monitoring in real-time. This capability represents an indispensable tool to optimize the plasma process by taking advantage of the instant system response on parameter changes.

#### **Process control**

Analog and digital outputs and inputs are available to output monitor track values as continuous or threshold signals. The integrated PID control function enables closed loop control, e.g. for active gas flow or power control in reactive sputtering applications. Various mathematical and logical operators can be applied to the monitor tracks. These features allow sophisticated endpoint strategies and the detection of deviations from the expected plasma process conditions.

#### Advanced system software and system integration

The EMICON systems are operated and configured by an intuitive graphical user interface. The configuration of the software is highly flexible to focus on the relevant data and to display a comprehensive status of the specific process at a glance. All settings can be stored to and retrieved from recipes.

For system integration several fieldbus types are supported and a comprehensive subset of functionalities is available as API for integration in customer specific Windows and Linux applications.

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Architectural glass, hard and decorative coatings, solar cells

Industry, production lines

**Operation type** 

Stand-alone system with processor unit

Fieldbus system integration

Real-time process monitoring and control

Recipe based configuration

Spectral sensor **HIPIMS/Pulse sensor**  Broadband spectrometer 200 - 1100 nm (1-8 channels)

High-speed voltage input (2 channels)

Layer control sensor **External sensors** 

Spectral photometric measurement (I-8 channels)

Analog input 0-10V (2/4 channels) TTL/24V & optical (I channel) **Trigger inputs** 

Sampling time 250 µs to minutes **Exposure time** 5 µs to seconds

**Monitor tracks** 

Spectral intensities, pulse voltage/current, layer properties,

Controlling

Closed loop control (PID), endpoint detection by

combining setpoints

Data storage

Monitor tracks, emission spectra, pulse curves,

layer spectra, external sensor signals

Fieldbus integration **Customized integration**  Profibus, Profinet, EtherCAT, EtherNET/IP

LAN API (Windows DLL, Linux SO)

**Analog control outputs** 

0-10V (4/8 channels)

**Digital controls** 

TTL/24V (8 in & 8 out channels)

Housing 19" rack box (4U, 84HP) **Display** 5.7" touch screen panel

**Dimensions**  $480 \text{mm(w)} \times 190 \text{mm(h)} \times 420 \text{mm(d)}$ 

Weight 7.5 kg 24 VDC 2A **Power supply** 

EMICON SA Manager software for Windows 7 / 10 / 11







The EMICON MC system is an ideal plasma monitor system for R&D and suitable for almost any application in plasma technology for plasma analysis, plasma monitoring and process optimization. The modular EMICON MC systems can be equipped with all necessary features to observe, analyze and optimize typical technical and scientific plasma applications.

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**Typical applications**Sputter applications, PECVD, etching, atmospheric plasmas
Universities, research institutes, industrial development

Operation type Windows based operation

Spectral analysis & real-time monitoring/control

Interactive graphical user interface

**Spectral sensor** Broadband spectrometer 200 - 1100 nm (1-8 channels)

Spectral resolution FWHM 1.5 nm

**Layer control sensor** Spectral photometric measurement (I-8 channels)

**Sampling time** 10 ms to minutes **Exposure time** 50 µs to seconds

**Monitor tracks** Spectral intensities, layer properties

**Controlling** Closed loop control (PID), endpoint detection

by combining setpoints

**Data analysis** Real-time data evaluation and visualization,

replay mode for post process analysis

**Data storage** Monitor tracks, emission spectra, layer spectra

Analog control outputs  $\pm 10V$  (4/8 channels)

**Digital controls** TTL (2 in & 2 out / 4 in & 4 out channels)

**Housing** I-2 sensor modules: 10" rack box (3U, 42HP)

3-8 sensor modules: 19" rack box (3U, 84HP)

**Dimensions**  $240 \text{mm(w)} \times 150 \text{mm(h)} \times 350 \text{mm(d)}$ 

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Weight 2.5-4.5 kg Power supply 5VDC 5A

#### EMICON MC software for Windows 7 / 10 / 11





The EMICON HR system is a spectral high-resolution plasma monitor system and is particularly suitable for detailed spectral plasma analysis and for plasma monitoring. The higher spectral resolution of the EMICON HR enables a much better separation of adjacent atomic lines and the resolution of vibrational and rotational lines in molecular bands.

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**Typical applications** Plasmas containing molecules (e.g. RF, MW, DC driven PECVD)

**Costumer base** Universities, research institutes, industrial development

Operation type Windows based operation

Spectral analysis & real-time monitoring Interactive graphical user interface

**Spectral sensor** Broadband spectrometer 200 - 860 nm (1 channel)

High spectral resolution FWHM 0.2 - 0.4 nm

**Sampling time** 50 ms to minutes **Exposure time** 50 µs to seconds

Monitor tracks Spectral intensities

Data analysis Real-time data evaluation and visualization, replay mode

for post process analysis

**Data storage** Monitor tracks, emission spectra

**Analog outputs** ±10V (4 channels)

**Digital controls** TTL (2 in & 2 out channels)

Housing 10" rack box (3U, 42HP)

**Dimensions**  $240 \text{mm(w)} \times 150 \text{mm(h)} \times 350 \text{mm(d)}$ 

Weight 3.5 kg
Power supply 5VDC 5A

#### EMICON HR software for Windows 7 / 10 / 11





The EMICON LC system is an in-situ real-time photometric metrology system measuring reflection and transmission spectra of the surface exposed to the plasma process. From the spectral data film thickness and color properties are calculated. The system can also be integrated into the EMICON SA and MC systems, providing complementary information of the process product.

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**Costumer base** Industry, universities, research institutes

Operation type Windows based operation

Reflection, transmission, absorption Interactive graphical user interface

**Setup types** In-vacuum and ex-vacuum measurement

In-situ and in-line operation

**Spectral sensor** Broadband spectrometer 200 - 1100 nm (1-8 channels)

**Light source** Halogen tungsten lamp stabilized, LED, laser driven Xe plasma

Sampling time100 ms to minutesExposure time50 μs to seconds

**Monitor tracks** Reflection, transmission, absorption,

layer thickness, color values, rms deviation

**Data analysis** Real-time data evaluation and visualization,

replay mode for post process analysis

**Data storage** Monitor tracks, layer spectra

Substrate types Transparent to opaque

Substrate surface Planar & smooth

**Film materials** Transparent with moderate absorption

**Housing** 10" rack box (3U, 42HP)

**Dimensions**  $240 \text{mm(w)} \times 150 \text{mm(h)} \times 350 \text{mm(d)}$ 

Weight 4 kg
Power supply 5VDC 5A

#### EMICON LC software for Windows 7 / 10 / 11

Also available as integrated module to EMICON SA and EMICON MC System







Slim and miniature in-vacuum optics with coating protection and optical fibers



Ex-vacuum collimator optics with optical



diameters for KF flanges and other view ports vacuum feedthroughs



Coating protection devices in different KF and CF flanges with up to 4 optical



Assembled in-vacuum fiber optics set

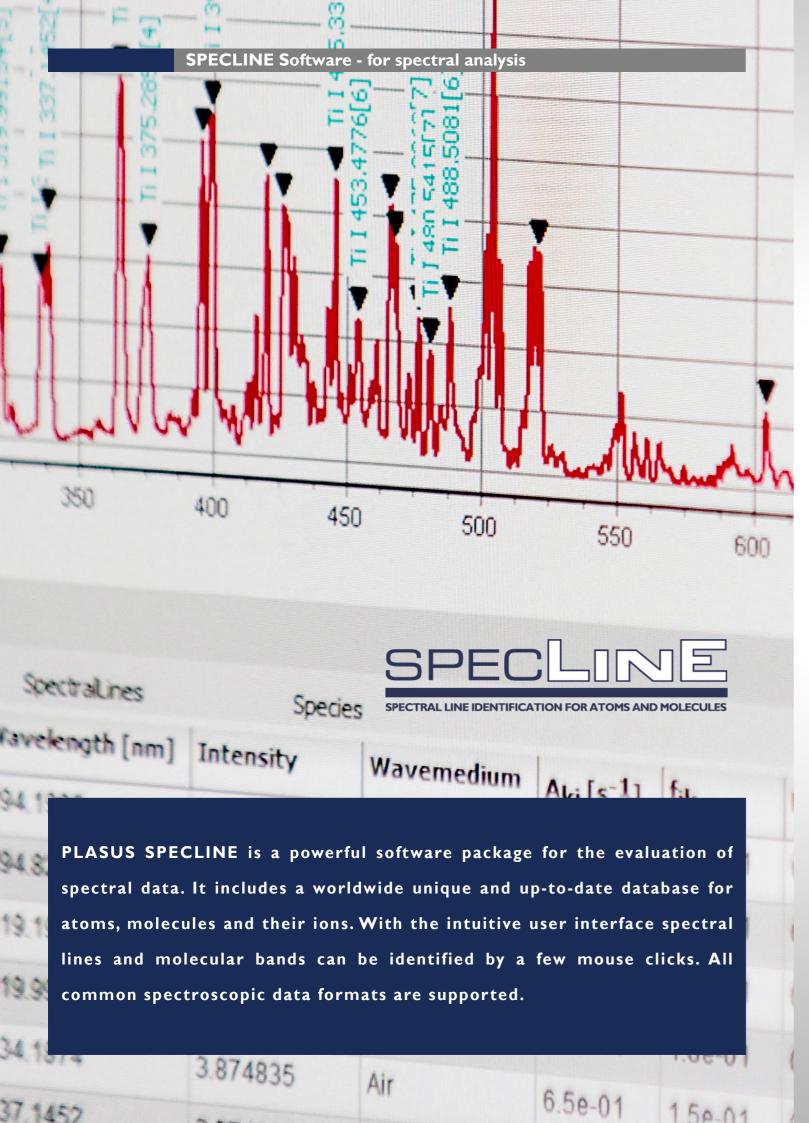


In-vacuum optic mounted to KF flange



and fibers are available as in-vacuum and ex-vacuum models.

Optical Components - high performance accessories



#### Line identification

Identification of atoms, molecules and their ions using the included database

#### Automatic peak finding

Search algorithms for peak finding in the spectra

#### Comparison of measured data

Several spectra - even with different file formats - can be overlaid and compared in a single session

#### **Data filtering**

Data smoothing, integral, scaling, peak value, calibration, arithmetic of spectra (+,-,\*,/)

#### Intuitive user experience

Clearly structured layout, easy file handling, straightforward parameter configuration, well-structured and convenient usage

#### **Database packages**

A: atoms and ions

AM: atoms, ions and most two-atomic molecules

AMS: all available atoms, molecules and ions

#### User database add-on

Database for including private spectral lines and species (atoms, ions, molecules)

#### Interactive database tables

Display and handling of data in user defined tables: Wavelength, oscillator strength, designation, transition probabilities, energies, quantum number and more

#### **SpecLine file format**

File format containing session, spectrum as well as identification data

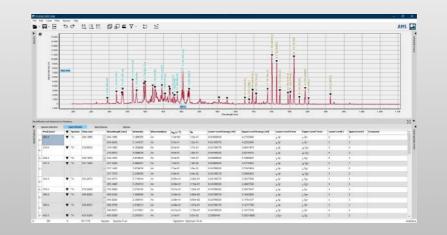
#### Data import

Data import formats: ASCII, Binary, EMICON, AvaSoft, Ocean Optics, WinSpec, Hamamatsu, GRAMS, 4SPEC, MAPS, DaVis and more

#### **Data export**

Data export to ASCII, Binary and Excel (CSV) format, graphic export to JPG, PNG, GIF and BMP format

#### **SPECLINE** software for Windows 7 / 10 / 11



Since 1996 PLASUS has been developing, producing and distributing innovative and application-oriented plasma monitor and process control systems. Applications range from quality control of PECVD plasmas, active process control in reactive sputtering processes and endpoint detection in etching processes to process monitoring of atmospheric plasmas.

From the very beginning, PLASUS put particular emphasis on the consistent application of spectroscopic measurement technology in a turnkey system suitable for industrial plasma processes. This results in cutting edge plasma monitor and process control systems with innovative optical sensors and a comprehensive yet easy-to-use software interface that provides users with a variety of novel real-time measurement techniques in plasma technology.

The experienced team of engineers and scientists develops and designs the PLASUS measurement systems, often in collaboration with renowned research institutes and leading edge industry customers. Final assembly is carried out exclusively at the headquarters in Mering, Germany to ensure high manufacturing standards and quality assurance.

All software products are developed and coded in-house which guarantees a seamless connection to the hardware components and maximizes the system performance. Also customer and market requirements can be realized in a flexible way.

The worldwide PLASUS distributor network consists of experienced sales and support partners in Europe, North America and many Asian countries especially Taiwan, Japan, China and Korea.



















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