

SuperK VARIA

Tunable wavelength filter with variable bandwidth



BANDWIDTH AND CENTER WAVELENGTH TUNING

Ideal for Fluorescence-Lifetime Imaging Microscopy

The SuperK VARIA is a unique filtering solution that allows tuning of the center wavelength as well as the bandwidth of the filtered light.

The VARIA suffers no polarization loss and delivers high-power throughput. For example, above 50 mW per wavelength across the full visible spectrum is easily achieved with the VARIA and the SuperK EXTREME EXW-12 using only a 10 nm bandwidth.

Applications

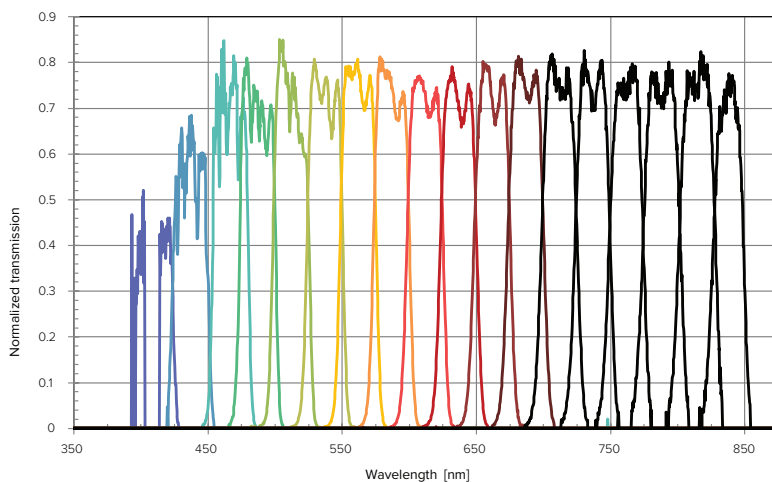
- Test and measurement
- High-sensitivity detectors
- Photon counting set-ups
- Characterization of nanostructures
- Fluorescence-Lifetime Imaging Microscopy, FLIM

SUPERK VARIA

Co-linear output for all wavelengths

Choose your output to be either a free-space collimated beam or - via the SuperK CONNECT - a single-mode fiber delivery.

The output from the VARIA is co-linear for all wavelengths.



Typical transmission through the VARIA High, measured with a SuperK

Out-of-band suppression

The VARIA has an industry-leading 50 dB out-of-band suppression, i.e. the signal difference between the transmitted light within the selected wavelength region and the light leaking through outside the filter bandwidth. This makes the VARIA suitable for use with high-sensitivity detectors and photon counting setups.

Features

- 400-840 nm tuning range
- 10-100 nm bandwidth
- >50 dB out-of-band suppression
- High transmission, no polarization loss
- Tested and approved for FLIM
- IR pass-through port
- Easy Plug and Play connection source
- Simple and intuitive user interface via NKT Photonics CONTROL
- Robust and compact industrial design
- Maintenance-free 24/7 operation

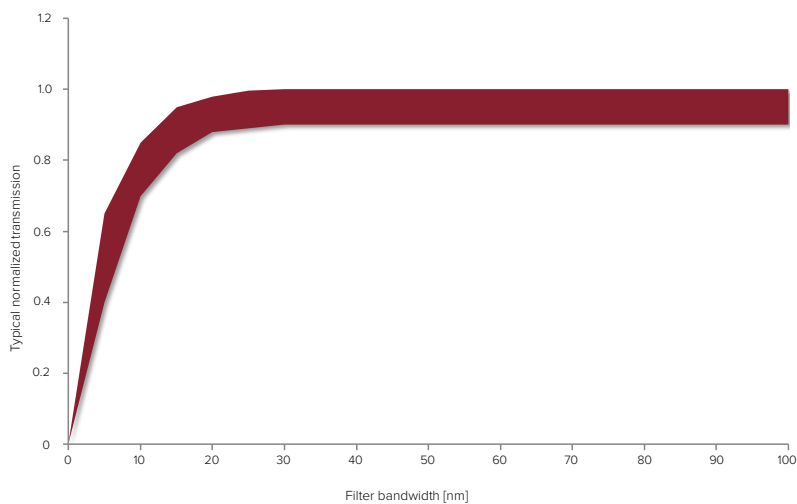
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IR pass-through

The IR pass-through port transmits the part of the SuperK spectrum above 900 nm without filtering. This IR output can then be used directly or coupled into another filter accessory like the SuperK SELECT.

Transmission versus bandwidth

The transmission through the VARIA is largely independent of wavelength and bandwidth down to a bandwidth of 15-20nm below which it drops off as shown in the following plot.



OPTIONS

Fiber delivery

SuperK CONNECT is a high-performance fiber delivery system complete with broadband fibers and a range of termination options such as FC/PC connectors or high-quality collimators.

Interfacing is handled by the CONNECT fiber coupling block which ensures easy and stable single-mode coupling that can be disconnected and reconnected without alignment.

Power Lock - External power stabilization

The Power Lock options enable you to lock the power output of the SuperK VARIA via a built-in photodetector. Simply connect the detector to the External Feedback BNC connector of the SuperK.

Activate locking from the control panel to make the SuperK lock the power output of the VARIA. The long-term stability of a locked output will typically be better than $\pm 0.5\%$ (over many hours), depending on the wavelength.

Fiber delivery

Typ. coupling efficiency	70-80 %
Output fiber mode	Single mode
Termination options	Collimator, FC/PC or FC/APC
Fiber length	2.5 m (5 m/10 m available)
Polarization	PM or non-PM

SPECIFICATIONS

Optical

Wavelength tuning range [nm]	400 – 840
Minimum bandwidth FWHM [nm]	< 10
Maximum bandwidth FWHM [nm]	100
Transmission through module [%] ¹⁾	70 – 90 unpolarized
Upper out-of-band suppression [dB] ²⁾	> 50
Lower out-of-band suppression [dB] ³⁾	> 40
Output polarization	Unpolarized or P-polarized (with added polarizer)
Tuning speed [nm/s]	> 10
Repeatability of wavelength position [nm] ⁴⁾	< 0.2
Absolute wavelength accuracy [nm]	± 5
Wavelength temperature sensitivity [nm/deg]	< 0.05
Transmission temperature sensitivity [%/deg]	< 0.2
Interlock	Collimator, lead
Output mode	Collimated free-space or SuperK CONNECT with FC/APC

1) Average in 50 nm bandwidth.

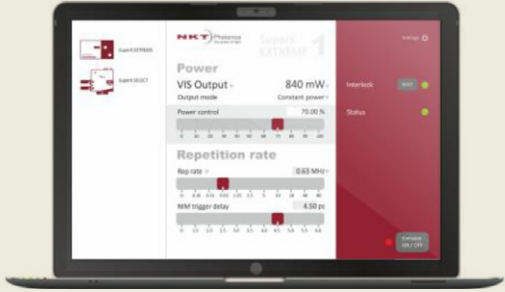
2) 10 nm above lower FWHM transmission wavelength in the 400-900 nm range. With SuperK CONNECT single-mode fiber delivery, e.g. FD2.

3) 10 nm below lower FWHM transmission wavelength in the 400-900 nm range. With SuperK CONNECT single-mode fiber delivery, e.g. FD2.

4) With collimator inserted. Wavelength position may shift if collimator is removed and reinserted.

Mechanical/Electrical

Electrical interface	SuperK BUS interface Analog feedback signal
Dimensions (WxHxL) [mm ³]	221.5 x 67.6 x 272
Weight [kg]	7.9

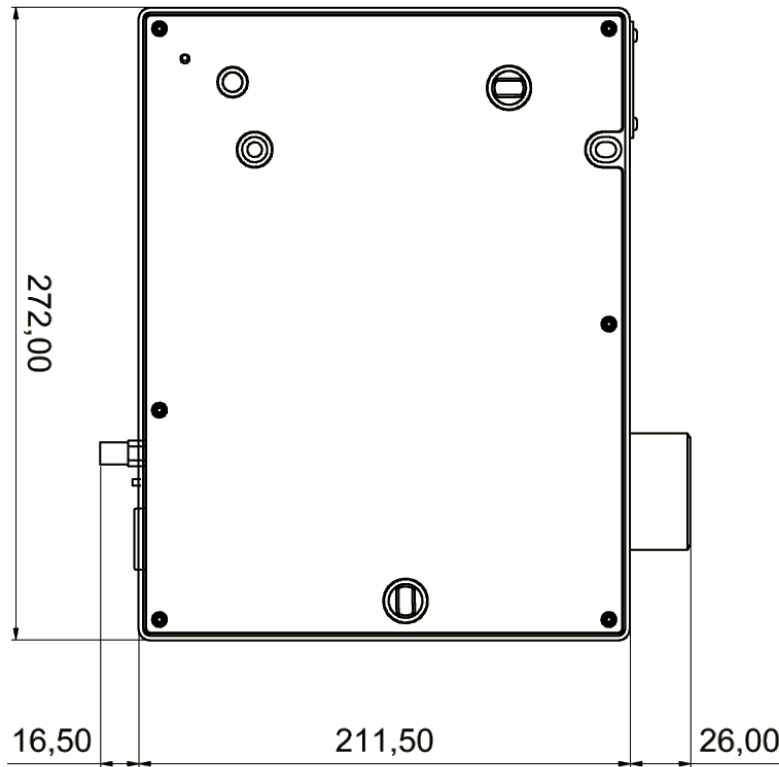


Software — NKT Photonics CONTROL

The SuperK VARIA can be controlled by our intuitive CONTROL software that gives easy access to all laser functions.

The software automatically detects all units attached to the computer. You can control several lasers simultaneously. It is easy to use and supports touch input as well as traditional mouse+keyboard control.

TECHNICAL DRAWINGS



Support and warranty

SuperK warranty

The SuperK VARIA products comes with industry leading reliability and are backed by our standard 2 year warranty.

Lifetime and service

Before shipping, all our SuperK lasers undergo an extensive burn-in to ensure performance and conformity to specifications.

Our systems boast over 10,000 hours of continuous lifetime and underlines the high reliability of our NKT Photonics Crystal Fibre technology.

Maintenance-free in the entire lifetime

A SuperK laser is completely maintenance-free in the entire lifetime.

Should your laser be damaged, the modular platform ensures fast turnaround on service and repairs. Typically, it takes four weeks or less to get your laser back.