

FTM-ProLib++

Programming Library for Film Thickness Measurement using TranSpec Film Thickness Gauges

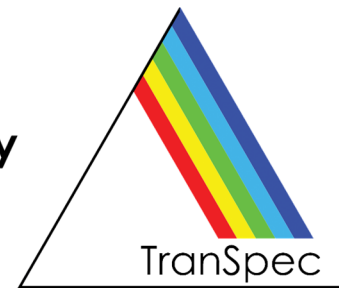
For developing your own film thickness measurement applications using our TranSpec film thickness gauges, we provide our powerful and easy-to-use programming library **FTM-ProLib++**.

With FTM-ProLib++ the entire spectra data acquisition, like scanning the diode array, raw data averaging, dark current correction and the spectra normalization is fully encapsulated in just a few simple function calls. The measured interference spectra will be evaluated in real-time for either single layer or double layer film thickness using the same high precise Fast-Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm as our FTM-ProVis Professional and FTM-ProVis Lite software packages.

FTM-ProLib+ gives you full access to all measured spectra (including raw data), the computed FFT spectrum and film thickness results and lets you create the so-called Spectra-Recorder files, which can be viewed and re-processed using FTM-ProVis. This way you can easily view and check all measurements executed with your application and FTM-ProLib++.

- Runtime licensed Dynamic Link Library (DLL) providing standard C calls
Compatible with common C/C++ compiler, Visual Basic and VBA (Excel), LabVIEW
- Extensive parameter checking and measurement status verification during runtime
You hardly can do anything wrong when working with FTM-ProLib++
- Supports special external I/O module with 8-channel TTL and 4-channel analog out
- Detailed user manual as PDF file and optionally as printed document
- Demo software as Windows console application, including C/C++ source code
- See next page for a short programming example!

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Minimum Hardware and Software Requirements

- Standard PC/Laptop with Windows 10 or Windows 11
- C/C++ development system (MS Visual Studio recommended), Delphi, Visual Basic or VBA (Excel), LabVIEW
- TranSpec Process Spectrometer or TranSpec Lite Film Thickness Gauge
- FTM-ProVis software is recommended, but not required

Programming Example

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// Step 1: open and initialize spectrometer
FTMPROLIB_SPECHARDWARE sSpecHardwareInfo;
FTMProLib_OpenSpectrometer( FTMPROLIB_TRANSPEC_LITE, &sSpecHardwareInfo );

// Step 2: setup measurement parameter:
FTMPROLIB_MEASPARA sMeasPara;
sMeasPara.dIntegrationTime = 20.0;           // 20 ms integration time
sMeasPara.bEnableAverage = 1;              // averaging on
sMeasPara.iNumberAverage = 10;            // 10 scans for averaging
FTMProLib_SetMeasPara( &sMeasPara );      // notify settings to spectrometer

// Step 3: perform measurement of an averaged Dark Current
FTMProLib_CloseShutter();                 // close shutter of connected lamp
FTMProLib_RunMeasDarkCurrent();           // start measurement
FTMPROLIB_SPECSTATUS sSpecStatus;
FTMProLib_GetSpecStatus( &sSpecStatus ); // wait until measurement is done
while ( sSpecStatus.bRunDarkCurrent )
    FTMProLib_GetSpecStatus( &sSpecStatus );

// Step 4: perform measurement of an averaged and Dark Current corrected Reference spectrum
FTMProLib_OpenShutter();                 // open shutter of connected lamp
FTMProLib_RunMeasReference();            // start measurement
FTMProLib_GetSpecStatus( &sSpecStatus ); // wait until measurement is done
while ( sSpecStatus.bRunReference )
    FTMProLib_GetSpecStatus( &sSpecStatus );

// Step 5: setup film thickness evaluation parameter (simple example)
FTMPROLIB_EVALPARA sEvalPara;
sEvalPara.bSpecEvalRangeFull = 1;        // use entire interference spectrum for evaluation
sEvalPara.bPeakSearchRangeFull = 1;     // search entire FFT spectrum for peak
sEvalPara.dRefrIndex = 1.56;            // refraction index of the layer
FTMProLib_SetSingleLayerEvalPara( &sEvalPara ); // initialize single layer evaluation

// Step 6: measure and evaluate an averaged and Dark Current corrected interference spectrum
FTMProLib_RunMeasInterference();         // start measurement
FTMProLib_GetSpecStatus( &sSpecStatus ); // wait until measurement is done
while ( sSpecStatus.bRunInterference )
    FTMProLib_GetSpecStatus( &sSpecStatus );
FTMPROLIB_RESULT sResult;
FTMProLib_EvalSingleLayer( &sResult );    // evaluate interference spectrum

// Done! Aside from other information, the structure <sResult> now contains:
// sResult.dThickness           // the film thickness in microns
// sResult.bIsPlausible        // thickness seems to be plausible or not
// sResult.sDateAndTime        // the date and time (microsecond resolution) of the measurement
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