**Confocal Raman/AFM Microscopy (WITec alpha control 300 RA)**

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Confocal Raman Microscope with AFM imaging (*WiTec alpha 300, Germany*) existing at PSG Institute of Advanced Studies is an integrated system with high resolution nanoimaging capability can be mainly used for chemical analysis at sub-micrometer scale. The confocality of the optical design facilitates excellent depth resolution and makes the generation of 3D Raman images and depth profiles easily with a Raman Spectral range of 50 cm-1 - 4000 cm-1. Confocal micro-Raman spectroscope has features such as, Single-point spectra acquisition, Single-point depth profiling and 3D imaging and depth profiling. The advantage of an integrated system with a combination of ultra-high topographic and lateral resolution of AFM with Raman spectroscopy provides a more comprehensive understanding of the samples; not only the chemical information, but also structural and topographic information acquired at the same time and from the same sample area. The system is integrated with a motorized stage as well as high resolution piezo XYZ mapping Stage with AFM imaging capability. The instrument is equipped with 355 nm and 532 nm lasers as UV Excitation Laser source for PL analysis and VIS Excitation Laser source for Raman analysis respectively. Using optical pre-inspection by means of various illumination and detection techniques (e.g. bright field, dark field, polarization, fluorescence, etc.) the area of interest for the AFM/Raman imaging can be easily determined. The system is capable of measuring the Raman spectra of wide variety of samples including amorphous, crystalline, polymer or liquid/biological samples. Researchers from internal (PSG)/external institutions are welcome to use this facility. Those who want to avail these facilities are requested to send the job requisition form (download from PSGIAS website) and advance payment (IMPS/NEFT) in favor of “**PSG Institute of Advanced Studies**” payable at Coimbatore to:

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2. User can do prior registration with submission of job requisition form and discussions for availing Confocal Raman Microscope facility can be done through Email to: pbm@psgias.ac.in.
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**Analysis charges:**

***(\*All rates are for single run and exclusive of service tax. 18% GST will be applicable additionally)***

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| Raman spectra | 200 | 400 | 600 |
| Raman spectra with imaging | 600 | 1200 | 3000 |
| Raman with AFM imaging | 1100 | 3250 | 6000 |

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**GST : 33AAATP2881NAZY**

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