



Product comparison:

## JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON vs. ProgRes® C14plus

# GRYPHAX® PROKYON

Explore the micro universe  
with the flagship.



The **premium solution**  
for highest demands on color reproduction  
in all microscopy applications

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## JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® – comparison

All camera comparisons are based on results of our JENOPTIK digital image laboratory. The quality of our cameras is proven by spectral measurement at our laboratory and is based on guidelines of EMVA 1288 standard.

### Comparison of JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON



Refine your microscope workstation

The flagship JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON replaces all pixel shift microscope cameras.

JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON is the **premium solution** for highest demands on color reproduction in all microscopy applications. It is powered by a 1/1.2" back-illuminated CMOS sensor made by SONY.

This camera provides fast live images, with **global shutter** technology, **high dynamic range** and **non-visible noise**. Reach up to **120 fps** in full sensor resolution combined with the brilliant Jenoptik color reproduction. Maximum details are visible at **true color** images done with 2, 9 or 21 MPix record mode.

Within this comparison we take a look at the ProgRes® C14plus compared to JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON, the successor of the color ProgRes® research CCD cameras.

Sensor/Camera	ProgRes® C14plus with IR cut filter	JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON with IR cut filter
Utilized sensor diagonal	10,9 mm	<b>13,3 mm</b>
FPS	13 (1360 x 1024)	<b>120 (1920 x 1200)</b>
Quantum Efficiency [N(e-)/N(p)] @ 532nm (green)	0.32 QE(λ) see spectral data	<b>0.58 QE(λ) see spectral data</b>
Dark Noise [DN/e-]	7 DN (at 14 bit); 9e-	<b>0.8 DN (at 12 bit); 6e-</b>
Dynamic Range (DR)	66 dB	<b>73 dB</b>

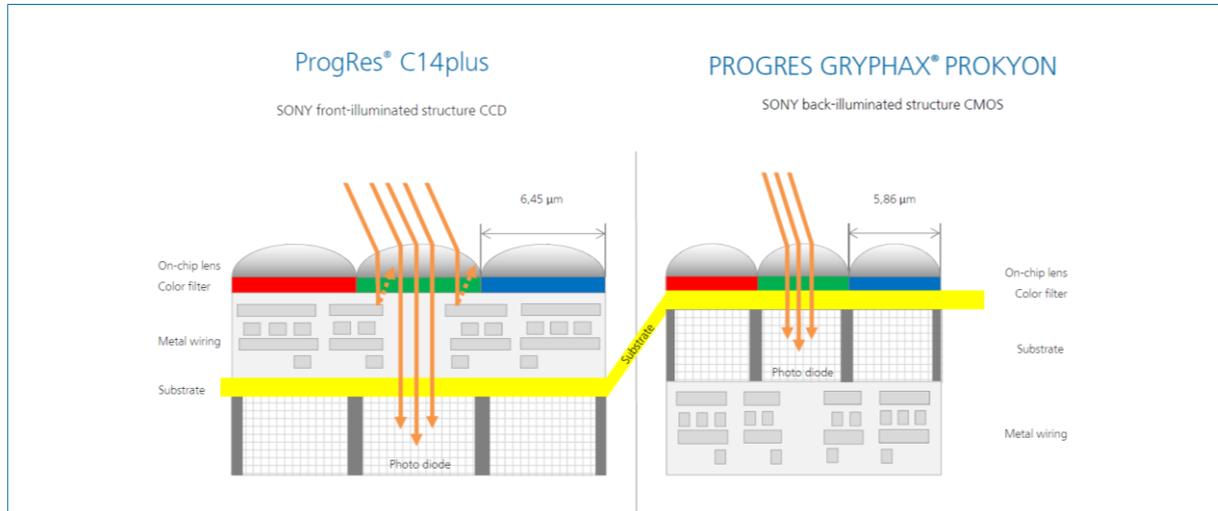
By reason on our measurements, done within our laboratory and based on guidelines of EMVA 1288.

## Sensor



### JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON

is equipped with SONY's **back-illuminated CMOS** sensor technology.

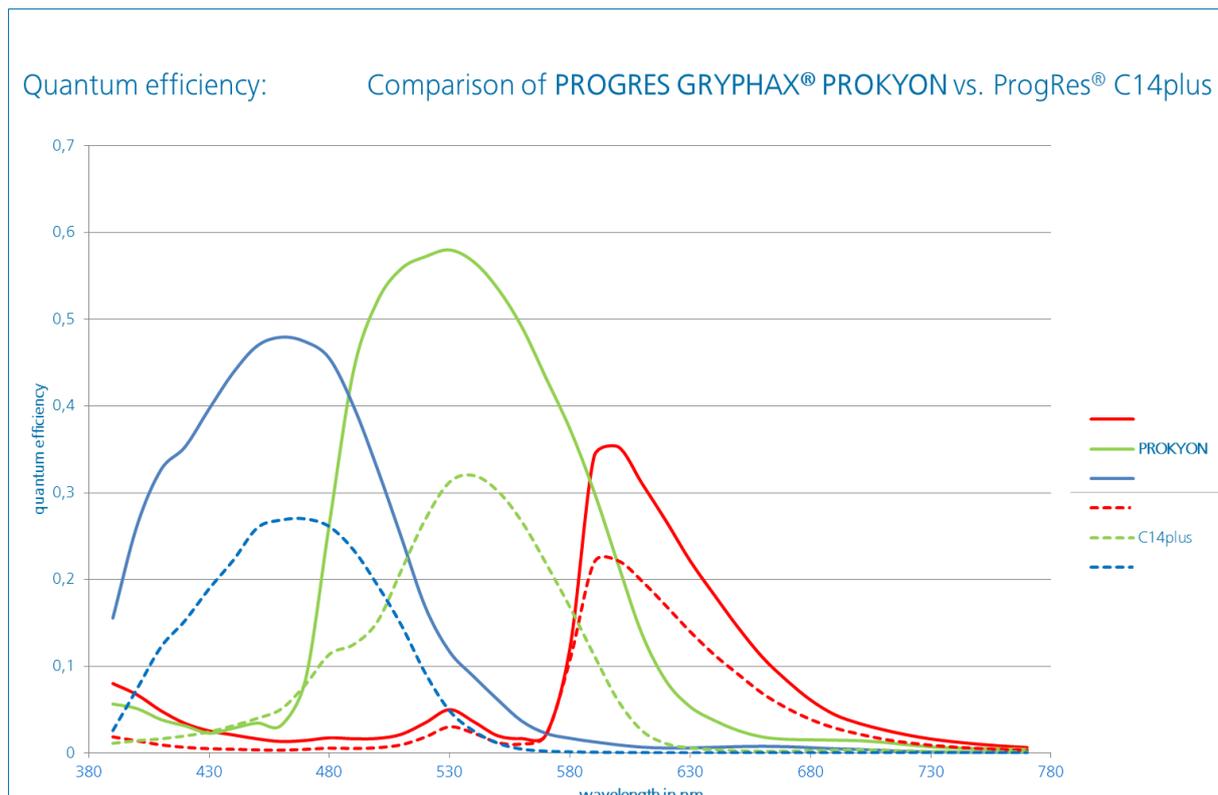


Source: Graphic done by Jenoptik based on information from [www.sony.net](http://www.sony.net)

With a conventional front-illumination structure, the metal wiring and transistors on the surface of the silicon substrate that form the sensor's light-sensitive area (photo-diode) impede photon gathering carried out by the on-chip lens, and this has also been an important issue in the miniaturization of pixels and widening optical angle response. A back-illuminated structure minimizes the degradation of sensitivity to optical angle response, while also increasing the amount of light that enters each pixel due to the lack of obstacles such as metal wiring and transistors that have been moved to the reverse of the silicon substrate. However, compared to conventional front-illuminated structures, back-illuminated structures commonly causes problems such as noise, dark current, defective pixels and color mixture that lead to image degradation and also cause a decrease in the signal-to-noise ratio. To overcome this Sony has developed a unique photo-diode structure and on-chip lens optimized for back-illuminated structures, that achieves a higher sensitivity and a lower random noise without light by reducing noise, dark current and defect pixels compared to the conventional front-illuminated structure. Additionally, Sony's advanced technologies such as high-precision alignment have addressed any color mixture problems.

Source: information from [www.sony.net](http://www.sony.net)

## Quantum efficiency with IR-cut filter





JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON quantum efficiency is nearly **two times higher** (at 532 nm) than ProgRes® C14plus.

### Camera cooling



JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON has a unique vibration-free software cooling developed by JENOPTIK.

The so-called **software cooling** is a camera individual calibration for temperature correction to deliver best noise level to the images.

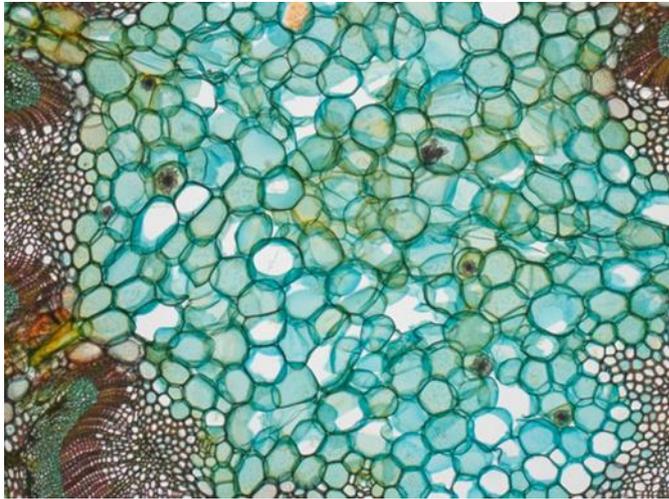
### JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON advantages:

- ☆ **Effective** photon to electron transformation
- ☆ No interlace effect & no smear
- ☆ **Low dark noise** and **low dark current**
- ☆ **Cooling** - Unique vibration-free software cooling developed by JENOPTIK\*
- ☆ **Highest live & video frame rate**
- ☆ High input clock frequency
- ☆ **High dynamic range**
- ☆ **Secure investment:** long-lasting & reliable hardware

### Sensor size and basic TV-adapter 1,0

ProgRes® C14plus

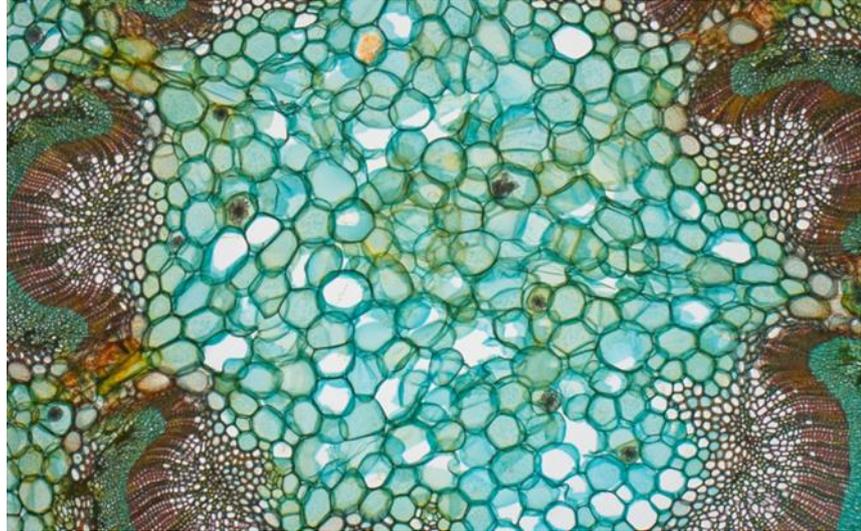
CCD 2/3"



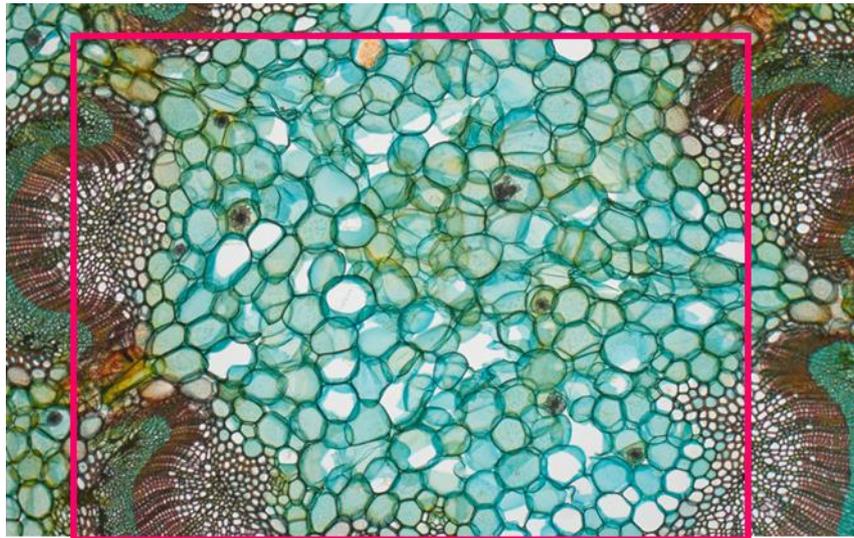
TV-Adaption Zeiss 1,0x (60N-C 1")

JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON

CMOS 1/1.2"



TV-Adaption Zeiss 1,0x (60N-C 1")



**Equipment:** Microscope Zeiss AxioScope.A1  
Lens Zeiss 5x EC-Epiplan-NEOFLUAR

**Sample:** Hedera Helix (Gemeiner Efeu) Blattstiel quer "1037"

Sensor size and best fitting TV-adapter 0,63

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JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON has a more than **37 % larger** sensor field than ProgRes® C14plus.

JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON advantages:

- ☆ Microscopy-optimized field of view
- ☆ Cost-efficient TV adaption 1x are suitable
- ☆ Brilliant image colors by proven JENOPTIK color reproduction

## Live image



JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON is equipped with an **all pixel scan** and **global shutter** sensor. It provides **120 fps at 2.3 MPix** live image speed, perfect for video recording and **slow-motion record**.

This is **more than 9 times faster** compared to C14plus.

Main features of JENOPTIK GRYPHAX software take advantage of the modern camera characteristics.

### Video / Slow motion record

JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON **advantages:**

- ☆ Video speed at live image: “You get what you see”
- ☆ Video recording of living or to be moved specimen at brilliant image quality, without interlace effect.

### EDF / Z-stacking

JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON **advantage:**

- ☆ Real-time appearance of EDF/ Z-stacking images (no interlace effect, no distorted images) saves time.

### Panorama

JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON **advantage:**

- ☆ Real-time appearance of panorama images (no interlace effect, no distorted images) saves time.

## Captured image

JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON **advantage:**

- ☆ This camera provides **true color** information at **revolutionary 9 and 21 MPix** images within **significantly enhanced capture time**.

## Software



JENOPTIK GRYPHAX software is workflow optimized capture software. It is created to help users intuitive getting the perfect live and captured image and saving time.

JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® **Software advantage:**

- ☆ Cross-platform compatible **WIN, MAC** and **LINUX**
- ☆ **Identical GUI** across WIN, MAC and LINUX platform
- ☆ **Versatility:** Free SDK, wide range of 3rd party software support
- ☆ **Drivers for:** µManager, Twain, MetaMorph and DirectX support included
- ☆ **Stability:** Made in Germany, software updates free of charge

## Weight and dimension

ProgRes® MFcool	JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON
Weight: ~ 800 gr	Weight: ~ 420 gr
Dimension:: L x W x H in mm 89 x 84 x 93	Dimension: L x W x H in mm 85 x 75 x 50,2

### JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® Packaging advantage:

- ☆ Lower transport costs due to less weight and dimension of housing and camera packaging.

## Applications and contrast techniques

### JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON recommended Applications

- Life & Medical Science
- Education Life & Medical Science
- Material & Manufacturing
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- Fluorescence
- Education Fluorescence

### JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON recommended contrast techniques

- BF – Bright-Field
- DF – Dark-Field
- DIC – Differential-Interference-Contrast
- Ph – Phase contrast
- Pol - Polarization

JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON is the superior solution for fluorescence applications.

## Summary

### JENOPTIK GRYPHAX® PROKYON advantages at a glance:

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- ☆ Cost-**efficient** TV adaption 1x are suitable
- ☆ Video speed at live image: "You get what you see"
- ☆ Real-time appearance of **EDF/ Z-stacking** images saves time
- ☆ Real-time appearance of **panorama** saves time
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\*unique vibration-free software cooling developed by JENOPTIK (further information [gryphax@jenoptik.com](mailto:gryphax@jenoptik.com))



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