2 MHz Lock-In Amplifier

SR865 — 2 MHz dual phase lock-in amplifier



1 mHz to 2 MHz frequency range (operates to 2.5 MHz)

- Low-noise current and voltage inputs
- Touchscreen data display large numeric results, chart recordings, & FFT displays
- 10 MHz timebase input and output
- · Dual reference mode
- · GPIB, RS-232, Ethernet and USB
- HDMI video output

• SR865 ... \$7950 (U.S. list)

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Superb performance. Outstanding value. They're what you've come to expect from a Stanford Research Systems lock-in amplifier. And they're delivered by the new SR865 2 MHz Lockin Amplifier, the latest in a line of innovative lock-ins from SRS. With unparalleled analog performance, sophisticated new digital signal processing features, a thoroughly modern, intuitive user interface, and a wide range of computer connectivity options, the SR865 is the ideal choice for any synchronous detection application.

With over 30 years of lock-in design experience SRS has made every effort to optimize each detail of the SR865. From a hefty toroidal transformer that eliminates switch-mode noise to iOS connectivity that brings the lock-in to your cell phone to advanced DSP filters that eliminate more noise while speeding up your experiment, the SR865 is truly the ultimate lock-in amplifier.

Signal Inputs

Lock-in performance starts at the front end. The SR865 front end offers both state-of-the art voltage and current input amplifiers. The voltage input is a switchable single-ended/differential JFET-pair amplifier with 2.5~nV/NHz of noise at 1~kHz and under 10~nV/NHz of noise at 10~Hz. The voltage input has a $10~\text{M}\Omega$ input impedance and can be AC or DC coupled. Input connector shields can be connected to the instrument ground through a user selectable $10~\Omega$ (Ground) or $10~\text{k}\Omega$ (Float) resistor.





SRS current source and several SRS preamplifiers

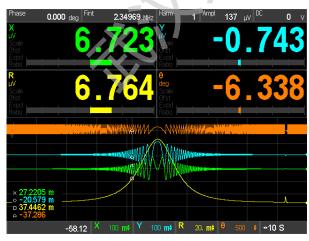
The SR865's built-in current amplifier represents a significant improvement over previous designs. The current input range is selectable from 1 μ A or 10 nA. The 1 μ A range has 400 kHz of bandwidth and 130 fA/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ of noise, while the 10 nA range offers 2 kHz of bandwidth and 13 fA/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ of noise.

While the built in voltage and current amplifiers are suitable for most applications, the SR865 is also compatible with the complete range of specialized pre-amplifiers offered by SRS. The SR550 (FET input), SR552 (BJT input), SR554 (transformer input), SR555 (120 kHz current amp), and SR556 (low-noise current amp) can all be powered directly from the SR865's rear-panel preamp power port. The SRS website shows you how each of these preamps can be used to optimize measurements in a wide variety of experimental situations.

Sensitivity and Input Range

As with previous instruments, the Sensitivity setting of the SR865 is the voltage (or current) which produces a full scale output. But unlike previous designs, the input range of the SR865 can be explicitly set from the front panel without having to consult a confusing "dynamic reserve" equation. Simply choose the sensitivity required by your experiment and then select the smallest input range that doesn't overload. That's it.

The SR865's effective dynamic reserve is simply the ratio of these two settings. For instance with a 10 nV sensitivity setting and a 300 mV input range the effective dynamic reserve of the SR865 is 3×10^7 , or nearly 150 dB.



Large numeric readout with strip chart recording

Output Time Constants and Filtering

The SR865 offers traditional RC-response output time constants from 1 μs to 30 ks with rolloffs of 6, 12, 18, and 24 dB/oct. But in addition, the SR865 also offers advanced digital filters which can significantly reduce measurement time while increasing signal to noise. Below 3 s, the advanced filters are Gaussian FIR filters which at the same noise bandwidth as an RC filter have significantly better rise-time and stopband attenuation. These filters also have symmetric rise and fall profiles which preserves feature shapes while scanning in frequency. At time constants longer than 3 s, the advanced filters are linear phase IIR filters which settle nearly twice as fast as their RC counterparts for equivalent stopband attenuation.

Synchronous filtering may also be selected at reference frequencies below 4 kHz. The synchronous filter notches out multiples of the reference frequency and is extremely useful in making low frequency measurement where multiples of the reference frequency would otherwise show up in the lock-in output. Unlike previous designs the synchronous filter in the SR865 can be selected with no loss of output resolution.



SR540 Optical Chopper

Reference Channel

The SR865 has a specified reference frequency range of 1 mHz to 2 MHz (operation to 2.5 MHz). Detection can be done at the fundamental of the reference frequency, or at up to the 99th harmonic. Several reference modes are available: Internal mode uses the SR865's precision internal oscillator as the reference. External mode locks to an external sine or TTL signal. In Dual Mode, the lock-in detects at the difference frequency between the internally set reference frequency and an externally applied sync signal allowing direct recovery of a double-modulated signal. Finally, in Chop mode, the SR865 provides a digital PID (Proportional-Integral-Derivative) controller signal to synchronize an SR540 Optical Chopper to the internal oscillator of the lock-in. By having the lock-in directly control the chopper, frequency drift can be virtually eliminated.

Sine Output

The SR865 offers a precision sine wave output which can be set with 6 digits of frequency resolution and an amplitude range from $1\,\text{nV}$ to $2\,\text{V}$. The SR865 output is unique in that it can be configured as a single-ended or as a differential (balanced) signal. A DC offset of up to $\pm 5\,\text{V}$ can be applied



phone: (408)744-9040 www.thinkSRS.com to the sine output. A rear-panel logic-level sync signal synchronized to the sine output is also provided.

Timebase

Rear-panel 10 MHz inputs and outputs are provided allowing the SR865 to be locked to an external frequency reference (such as the FS725 10 MHz Rubidium Frequency Standard). Alternatively, the 10 MHz output from the SR865 can be used to synchronize several lock-ins or other test equipment with a 10 MHz timebase input.



FFT display

FFT Displays

Lock-in amplifiers are traditionally time-domain instruments but sometimes it's easier to understand a signal in the frequency domain. The SR865 is at home in both worlds. An FFT display shows the spectrum of the input signal at the front end, the post-mixer signal, or the spectrum of the signal after the time-constant filters. Using the FFT displays can simplify tracking down sneaky noise sources that would otherwise get lost in the "one-number" output of a conventional lock-in amplifier.



Trend analysis

Front-Panel Touchscreen Display

The center of the SR865's front panel is a full-color $640 \times$ 480 touchscreen which can be set to display up to 4 channels of data. (When a dark lab is required, the LCD screen can be blanked from the front panel or from the remote interface.) Each data channel can be configured to display X, Y, R, Θ, Aux In (1-4), Aux Out (1-2), X noise, Y noise, Sine Amplitude, Sine Out DC Level, Reference Phase, or Reference Frequency. The screen can be set up to show the data channels as large numbers, easily visible from across the room, or as a "strip-chart" display showing a complete history of each channel with selectable time scales from 0.5 s/div to 2 days/div. Even when not displaying a measurement, all measurements are always being saved by the SR865 insuring that no data is ever lost. The touchscreen also continually displays key lockin setup parameters such as phase, reference frequency, and sine amplitude. And a rear-panel HDMI port allows the LCD screen to be viewed on any HDMI monitor or TV.

It should be emphasized that as useful as the touchscreen display is for displaying data, it's not necessary to use the touchscreen to control common instrument functions on the SR865. All commonly used controls: time constant, reference frequency, sine amplitude and offset, input configuration, and more, are controllable with dedicated front panel knobs or buttons. Infrequently accessed configuration settings, such as the TCP/IP settings and other communication settings, are accessed through menus shown on the touchscreen.

Computer Connectivity

The SR865 comes standard with virtually every remote interface imaginable. GPIB (IEEE488.2) and RS-232 are of course provided, as well as USB (Test and Measurement Class) and Ethernet (VXI-11 and telnet). The SR865 hosts its own webserver allowing the instrument to be monitored and controlled remotely with just a browser. And when connected to a Wi-Fi enabled network, the SR865 can be controlled remotely from an iPhone or iPad with free iOS app downloadable from the Apple App Store. The app allows remote configuration of the instrument and monitoring of live data from your handheld device.

A front-panel USB port allows data and screen-shots to a USB flash drive. Data can be saved either as comma delimited files or MATLAB compatible .MAT files. Incorporating screen shots and data into reports or spreadsheets has never been easier.





SR865 Specifications

Signal Channel

Voltage inputs

Single-ended or differential Sensitivity (output scale) 1 nV to 1 V (voltage input) 1 fA to 1 μA (current input)

10 mV to 1 V (peak) Voltage input range Current input range 1 μA or 10 nA (peak) Max input 1 V (peak) or 1 μA (peak)

Input impedance Voltage input

 $10 \,\mathrm{M}\Omega + 25 \,\mathrm{pF}$, AC or DC coupled Current input $1 k\Omega$ or 100Ω to virtual ground $\pm 1\%$ (<200 kHz), $\pm 2\%$ (to 2 MHz) Gain accuracy Signal amplitude must be less than

30% of input range 2.5 nV/√Hz at 1 kHz Noise (rms) (10 mV input range, typ.)

 $-80 \,\mathrm{dB} \,(< 100 \,\mathrm{kHz}), -60 \,\mathrm{dB} \,(> 100 \,\mathrm{kHz})$ Harmonic distortion

90 dB to 1 kHz (DC coupled), **CMRR**

Dynamic reserve 120 dB (typ)

Reference Channel

Frequency range 0.001 Hz to 2 MHz (specified)

(operates to 2.5 MHz)

Timebase 10 MHz In/Out (phase locks the

internal frequency to other SR865s)

Input impedance $1\,M\Omega$ or $50\,\Omega$ Phase setting resolution 360/2³² degrees

Phase noise

Int. ref <0.0001° rms at 1 kHz

(100 ms, 12 dB/oct)

<0.001° rms at 1 kHz Ext. ref (typ)

(100 ms, 12 dB/oct)

<0.002°/°C below 20 kHz (DC coupled) Phase drift (typ)

<0.02°/°C below 200 kHz <0.2°/°C below 2 MHz

Harmonic detection

Detect at $N \times f_{ref}$ (N<99 and $(N \times f_{ref})$ <2 MHz)

Detect at $f_{dual} = |f_{int}| - |f_{ext}|$ SR865 drives SR540 Chopper (via Dual F reference Chopper reference

Aux Out 4) to lock the chopper to fint

Demodulator

Filter slope

Synchronous filter

DC stability Digital output values have no drift

Time constants 1 us to 30ks

Typical RC-type filters or advanced Low pass filters

Gaussian/Phase-Linear filters 6, 12, 18 or 24 dB/oct rolloff Available below 4 kHz

Harmonic rejection $-80 \, \mathrm{dB}$

Low latency output Rear-panel BlazeX output with <2 μs

delay (plus LPF rise/fall times).

Internal Oscillator

Frequency range 0.001 Hz to 2 MHz (specified)

> (operates to 2.5 MHz) $25 \text{ ppm} + 30 \,\mu\text{Hz}$

Frequency accuracy (with internal timebase)

External timebase 10 MHz timebase input/output

(on rear panel)

Frequency resolution 6 digits or 0.1 mHz, whichever

is greater

Sine Output

Single-ended or differential Outputs

Output impedance 50Ω source

1 nVrms to 2 Vrms (amplitude is Amplitude

differential into 50Ω loads). Output is halved when using in single-ended mode. Output is doubled when driving a high impedance load.

Amplitude resolution 3 digits or 1 nV, whichever is greater DC offset ±5 V, differential or common mode 3 digits or 0.1 mV, whichever is greater Offset resolution Output limit

±6 V, sum of DC offset and

peak amplitude

Sync Logic level sync on rear panel

(via BlazeX output)

Data

Data channels Four data channels are displayed and

graphed (green, blue, yellow, orange) Data sources Each data channel can be assigned any

of these data sources: X, Y, R, θ , Aux In 1 to 4, Aux Out 1 to 2, X noise, Y noise, Sine Out Amplitude, Sine Out DC Level, Reference Phase, or

Reference Frequency.

Data history All data sources are continually stored

at all chart display time scales. The complete stored history of any data source can be displayed sat any time.

Offset X, Y and R may be offset up to $\pm 999\%$

of the output scale

Expand X, Y and R may be expanded by $\times 10$

or $\times 100$

X and Y may be ratioed by Aux In 3. Ratio

R may be ratioed by Aux In 4.

Capture buffer 1 Mpoint internal data storage. Store

> (X), (X and Y), $(R \text{ and } \theta)$, or (X, Y, R)and θ) at sample rates up to 1.25 MHz. This is in addition to the data histories

for the chart display.

Data streaming Realtime streaming of data, either (X),

 $(X \text{ and } Y), (R \text{ and } \theta), \text{ or } (X, Y, R)$ and θ) at sample rates up to 1.25 MHz

over the Ethernet interface.

Scanning One of the following parameters may

be scanned: f_{int}, Sine Out Amplitude, Sine Out DC Level, Aux Out 1 or 2

FFT

Source Input ADC, demodulator output,

or filter output 1024 bins

Record length Exponential rms Averaging



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Inputs and Outputs

CH1 output Proportional to X or R $(\pm 10 V full scale thru 50 \Omega)$ CH2 output $Proportional to Y and \theta$ $(\pm 10 V full scale thru 50 \Omega)$

X and Y outputs Proportional to X and Y (rear panel)

($\pm 10 \text{ V}$ full scale thru 50Ω)

BlazeX

Low latency ouput of X, $\pm 2.0 \text{ V}$ full scale or logic level reference sync

output, either thru 50Ω

Aux outputs 4 BNC D/A outputs, ± 10.5 V thru 50Ω ,

1 mV resolution

Aux inputs 4 BNC A/D inputs, ± 10.5 V, 1 mV resolution, $1M\Omega$ input

Trigger input TTL input triggers storage into the

internal capture buffer

Signal monitor Analog output of the signal amplifier HDMI Video output to external monitor or TV

 $(640 \times 480, 60 \,\mathrm{Hz})$

Timebase I/O 1 Vrms, 10 MHz clock to synchronize

internal reference to other units

General

Interfaces GPIB (IEEE-488.2), RS-232, USB

and Ethernet

USB flash Front-panel slot for USB flash storage

of screen shots and data

Preamp power 9-pin D connector to power

SRS preamps

Power 60 W, 100/120/220/240 VAC, 50/60 Hz

Dimensions 17" × 5.25" × 17" (WHD)

Weight 22 lbs.

Warranty One year parts and labor on defects

in materials and workmanship

Ordering Information

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SR865	2 MHz lock-in amplifier	\$7950
SR550	Voltage preamplifier	\$750
	$(100 \mathrm{M}\Omega, 3.6 \mathrm{nV}/\sqrt{\mathrm{Hz}})$	
SR552	Voltage preamplifier	\$750
	$(100 \mathrm{k}\Omega, 1.4 \mathrm{nV/VHz})$	
SR554	Transformer preamplifier	\$1200
	$(0.091 \mathrm{nV/\sqrt{Hz}})$	
SR555	Current preamplifier	\$1095
SR556	Current preamplifier	\$1095
SR540	Optical chopper	\$1195



SR865 front panel



SR865 rear panel

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