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Introduction

The spectral characteristics of a laser, such as its peak wavelength or spectral linewidth, are important for potential applications. Examples are the specific application requirements of interferometry and lithography. This International Standard gives definitions of key parameters describing the spectral characteristics of a laser, and provides guidance on performing measurements to determine these parameters for common laser types.

The acceptable level of uncertainty in the measurement of wavelength will vary according to the intended application. Therefore, equipment selection and measurement and evaluation procedures are outlined for three accuracy classes. To standardize reporting of spectral characteristics measurement results, a report example is also included.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies methods by which the spectral characteristics such as wavelength, bandwidth, spectral distribution and wavelength stability of a laser beam can be measured. This International Standard is applicable to both continuous wave (cw) and pulsed laser beams. The dependence of the spectral characteristics of a laser on its operating conditions may also be important.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 11145, *Optics and optical instruments — Lasers and laser-related equipment — Vocabulary and symbols*

ISO 12005, *Lasers and laser-related equipment — Test methods for laser beam parameters — Polarization*

IEC 60747-5-1, *Discrete semiconductor devices and integrated circuits — Part 5-1: Optoelectronic devices — General*

Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM), BIPM ¹⁾, IEC, IFCC ²⁾, ISO, IUPAC ³⁾, IUPAP ⁴⁾, OIML ⁵⁾, 1993, corrected and reprinted in 1995

International vocabulary of basic and general terms in metrology (VIM). BIPM, IEC, IFCC, ISO, IUPAC, IUPAP, OIML, Geneva, ISO

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in the VIM, ISO 11145 and IEC 60747-5-1, and the following apply.

3.1

wavelength in vacuum

λ_0

wavelength of an infinite, plane electromagnetic wave propagating in vacuum

NOTE For a wave of frequency f , the wavelength in vacuum is then given by $\lambda_0 = c/f$, where $c = 299\,792\,458$ m/s.

1) International Bureau of Weights and Measures (Bureau International des Poids et Mesures).

2) International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine.

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