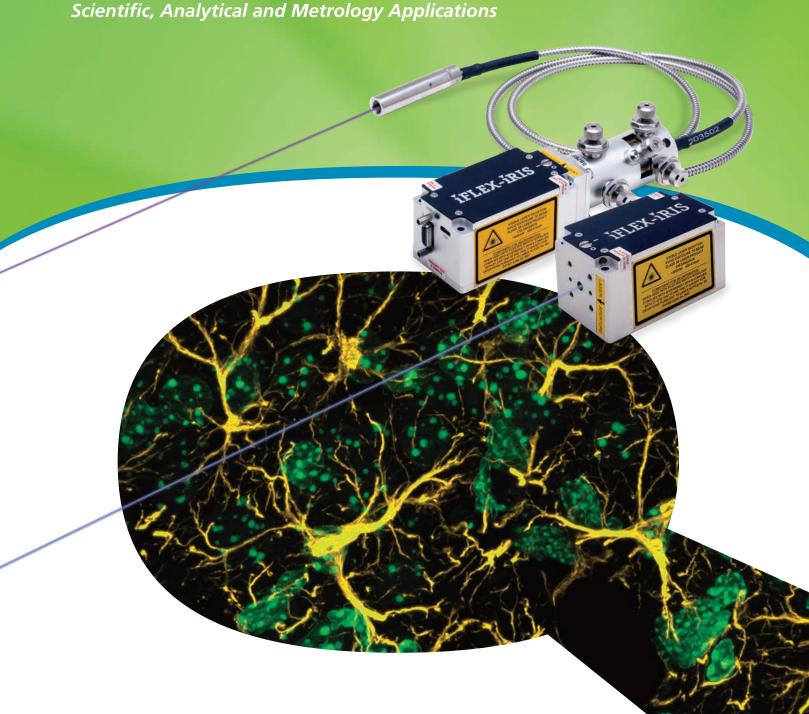


# iFLEX® Lasers

High-Performance Laser Systems for Scientific, Analytical and Metrology Applications



## Company Profile

Qioptiq, an Excelitas Technologies Company, designs and manufactures photonic products and solutions that serve a wide range of markets and applications in the areas of medical and life sciences, industrial manufacturing, semiconductor, defense and aerospace, and research and development.

Qioptiq benefits from having integrated the knowledge and experience of Avimo, Gsänger, LINOS, Optem, Pilkington, Point Source, Rodenstock, Spindler & Hover and others. In October 2013.

Qioptiq was acquired by Excelitas Technologies Corp., a global technology leader focused on delivering innovative, customized solutions to meet the lighting, detection and other high-performance technology needs of OEM customers. The combined companies have approximately 5,500 employees in North America, Europe and Asia, serving customers across the world.

Visit www.qioptiq.com and www.excelitas.com for more information

RODENSTOCK

Rodenstock

founded



Spindler & Hoyer founded

Pilkington PE Ltd. founded, which later becomes THALES Optics Gsänger

Gsänger Optoelektronik founded



Optem International founded



Point Source founded

Linos

LINOS founded through the merger of Spindler & Hoyer, Steeg & Reuter Präzisionsoptik, Franke Optik and Gsänger Optoelektronik

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AVIMO

**AVIMO Group** acquired by THALES

Qioptiq founded as **THALES** sells High Tech Optics Group



Qioptiq acquires LINOS and Point Source as "members of the Qioptiq group"



The new Qioptiq consolidates all group members under one brand



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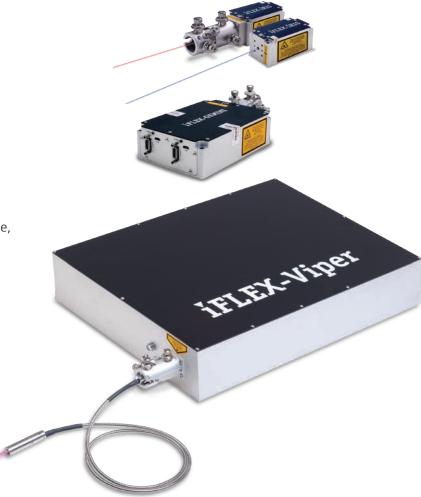
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Qioptiq designs and manufactures high-performance solid-state laser systems and fiber optics for a range of scientific and industrial applications.

The iFLEX® family of laser technology includes the high performance iFLEX-iRIS™ laser series and the ultra-stable, multi-wavelength laser engine series of iFLEX-Gemini™ and iFLEX-Viper®.

Combine iFLEX lasers with the kineFLEX® single-mode fiber optics manufactured by Qioptiq, to create the world's most stable fiber coupled lasers.

With over 25 years of experience delivering marketleading technology, Qioptiq continues to support customers with demanding applications in semicon, biotech, analytical and industry, through new innovations in iFLEX laser technology.



## **Applications & Features**

#### **Features:**

- Exceptional power stability
- Unmatched beam pointing stability
- Ultra-low noise performance
- Excellent beam quality
- Fully integrated electronics
- Compact size for easy integration
- End user and OEM systems
- Integrated beam shaping
- "Plug & Play" fiber delivery
- "Set & Forget" alignment

#### **Applications:**

- Microscopy
- Flow Cytometry
- DNA Sequencing
- Metrology
- Inspection
- Ophthalmology
- Molecular Imaging
- Dynamic Light Scattering
- Spectroscopy
- Environmental Monitoring



## **iFLEX-iRIS**

### **Compact, Single-Wavelength Laser Series**

The iFLEX-iRIS<sup>™</sup> laser series is a range of solid-state, highperformance lasers with low amplitude noise. For ease of use and integration, all wavelengths are offered in the same compact package with the same control inputs. All TEC and smart control electronics are integrated in the laser. They make ideal building blocks for OEM instrument designers and researchers alike.

#### **Closed-Loop Modulation (CLM)**

The innovative Closed-Loop Modulation (CLM) feature allows the lasers to operate with automatic power control feedback in all modes of operation; CW, plus digital, analogue and dual mode modulation. These lasers maintain excellent power stability in all modes of operation and throughout the laser lifetime. Unlike traditional open loop laser modulation, there is no need for laser calibration reset when using iFLEX-iRIS lasers with the CLM feature.

Lasers with CLM are ultra-low noise in terms of RMS, RIN and periodic noise. They also offer precision adjustment at all output power levels. This is very useful for imaging applications where a stable, ultra-low noise source will improve the signal-to-noise ratio and image resolution.



**Fiber Delivery** 

supplied with a single-mode fiber output. Alternatively, and as requirements change, a single-mode fiber can be added later on by the user to the -X0 laser option, which has the beam exit location centralized in the front face. Thus, the iFLEX-iRIS provides true "Plug and Play" versatility as a free space or fiber coupled laser.

iFLEX-iRIS lasers are designed to fiber couple into the kineFLEX® fiber delivery system. As a result these lasers are ultra-stable when used as free space or fiber coupled. There are standard options for different fiber lengths and either collimated or connector outputs.

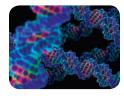
A second, free space iFLEX-iRIS laser –X2 option is offered which has the beam exit location offset in the front face, for ease of retrofit in some instruments.

#### **CDRH Compliance for End Users**

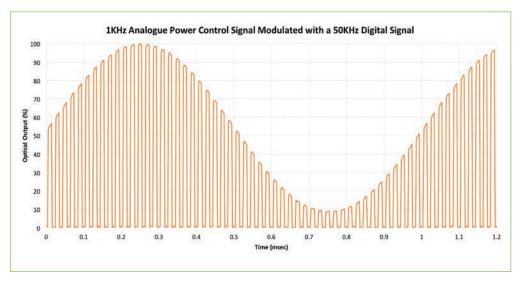
iFLEX-iRIS lasers are CDRH compliant when used with an iFLEX-iRIS CDRH interlock power supply.







#### **Example: Dual mode modulation**



#### **iFLEX-iRIS** lasers



	Wavelengths (nm) and Power (mW)																				
375	405	413	445	458	473	488	505	515	520	532	561	594	633	637	642	647	660	670			852
20	50	100	20	20	75	20	50	20	30	20	20	20	30	20	20	50	80	10	20	70	35
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	220					140															

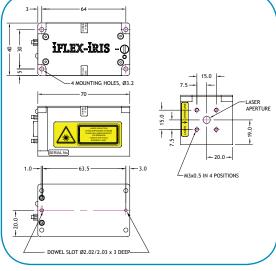


#### **iFLEX-iRIS** fiber coupled lasers

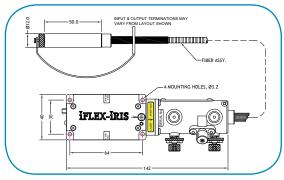
	Wavelengths (nm) and Power after fiber (mW)																				
375	405	413	445	458	473	488	505	515	520	532	561	594	633	637	642	647	660	670			852
25	30	50	20	45	50	20	30	40	20	25	25	12	20	65	20	30	50	6	10	45	20
30	50		50			50							45		65						
	100					90															
	130																				
	150																				

#### **iFLEX-iRIS** laser specification overview

Wavelength (nm)**	CLM, 375-520 nm & 633-852 nm	532 561 594							
Spatial mode, TEM <sub>00</sub>	$M^2 < 1.2$	typ							
Beam Ø at 1/e <sup>2</sup>	0.7 ± 0.2 r	mm							
Pointing stability	< 5 µrad/°C								
Polarization ratio	≥ 200:1, Vertical ± 2°								
Power supply	12V DC,	1A							
Base plate temp.	40 °C maxir	mum							
Heat dissipation	12 W maximum, <	5W typical							
Operation modes	CW / Modulated: Analogue, Digital, Dual Input / Software	CW							
Power stability, 8 hrs	< 0.5 %	< 2 %							
RMS noise (20Hz - 20MHz)	< 0.05* %	< 0.3* %, < 0.1% 561 nm							
Peak-peak noise (20Hz to 1MHz)	< 0.5* %	< 3* %							
Max periodic noise spike (1KHz -1MHz)	< 0.05* %	<0.3*%, <0.1% 561 nm							
CW, power adjustment	0%, 0.1 - 100%	Off, 50-100%,and 561 nm Off, 15-100%							
Digital modulation  Bandwidth Extinction ratio Rise / fall time	Digital signal DC to 5 MHz 1,000,000:1 < 100 nsec	OEM options							
Analogue modulation  Bandwidth  Extinction ratio  Rise / fall time  Power adjustment	0 - 5V signal DC to 5 MHz 1,000,000:1 < 100 nsec Off and 0.1-100%	OEM options							
Dual mode modulation	Two input ports for modulation; same specifications as above. Simultaneous input signals for a) Digital fast On/Off, and b) Analogue power adjustment via external 0-5V input or internal software setting.	OEM options							
Communication	micro-USB, RS232	OEM options							
Laser only	70(L) x 40(W) x 38(H) mm								



iFLEX-iRIS Laser



iFLEX-iRIS Fiber Coupled Laser

<sup>\*</sup>Typical performance and wavelength dependant \*\*Center wavelength tolerance typically  $\pm 5$  nm.

# iFLEX-Gemini **Dual-Wavelength Laser Engine Series**

The iFLEX-Gemini™ is a series of small, solid-state 2-line laser engines providing a combined, co-axial output beam. It is a turnkey system for OEM instrumentation and researchers. Standard wavelength pairs are listed; custom options available on demand. Applications include: confocal microscopy, flow cytometry, particle sizing, materials testing, optogenetics, metrology, replacement for gas lasers, forensics and medical imaging instrumentation.



Each laser is controlled independently and directly, instead of combining beams through an AOTF. This provides a faster response time as well as instant switching between lines, plus the option for simultaneous emission.

#### **Closed-Loop Modulation Feature**

Closed-Loop Modulation (CLM) is offered in the iFLEX-Gemini, for diode wavelengths only. This provides digital



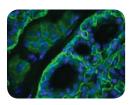
and analogue, and dual input modulation options at DC to 5MHz with high extinction ratios. The CLM feature increases the precision of the power set levels achieved and reduces the noise floor. Thus, it increases the signal-to-noise ratio for many applications.

#### **Fiber Delivery**

The iFLEX-Gemini lasers can be supplied with a single-mode fiber output. The user can add or remove the kineFLEX® fiber themselves which provides great flexibility for researchers.

#### **CDRH Compliance for End Users**

The iFLEX-Gemini laser engine is CDRH compliant when used with its CDRH interlock power supply option.



### **Features & Benefits**

#### **Features:**

- Output: Combined, coaxial
- Fully independent laser control
- True Off for each wavelength
- Exceptional power stability
- Ultra-low noise performance
- Class-leading beam pointing stability

#### **Benefits:**

- No laser alignment required
- Easy to use, portable, turnkey system
- Longer useful lifetime compared to traditional gas lasers
- x10 smaller than equivalent Argon laser
- Direct modulation of each wavelength
- Reliable and repeatable measurements



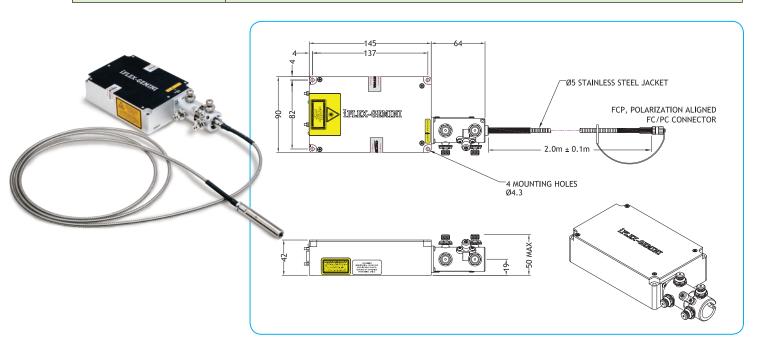


# iFLEX-Gemini laser specification overview

	iFLEX-Gemini											
λ1/λ2	445	488	515	561	640	647						
405	50/50	50/50 50/50 50/50										
445	-	-	50/50	-	-	-						
488	488 50/50 50/30 50/50											
	Direct	laser pov	ver (mW)	. Standard λ p	pairs.							

Fiber coupled iFLEX-Gemini											
(nm)	445         488         515         561         640         647										
405	30/30 30/30 30/30										
445	-	-	30/30	-	-	-					
488 30/30 30/20 30/30											
F	iber delive	red powe	r (mW). S	itandard λ pa	irs shown						

Wavelength (nm)	405 ± 5	445 ± 5	488 ± 2	515 ± 2	561 ± 2	$640 \pm 5 \text{ or } 647 \pm 5$					
Noise (rms) 20Hz-2MHz	< 0.1*	%		< 0.3* %		< 0.1* %					
Power stability, 8 hrs			<	2 %							
Spatial mode, TEM <sub>00</sub>		$M^2 < 1.2$ typical									
Laser output beam		0.7	7 mm ± 0.2 mm col	limated diameter, co	ollinear						
Standard fiber options	Type: SM PM fiber Length: 1m, 2m or 3 Output: Collimated		r Connector FCP / A	APC / FCP8							
Pointing stability			< 1 µrad/°C a < 5 µrad/°C with	after fiber output direct beam (no fib	er)						
Polarization ratio			≥	100:1							
Max. base plate temp.			4	10 °C							
Max. heat dissipation			24 W, <	< 5W typical							
CW, power adjustment		0%, 0.1	- 100%		0%, 15– 100%	0%, 0.1 - 100%					
Digital modulation  Bandwidth Extinction ratio Rise / fall time		DČ to 1,000	l signal 5 MHz 1,000:1 0 nsec		OEM options	Digital signal DC to 5 MHz 1,000,000:1 < 100 nsec					
Analogue modulation Bandwidth Extinction ratio Rise / fall time		DC to 1,000	- 5 V 5 MHz 1,000:1 0 nsec		OEM options	0 – 5 V DC to 5 MHz 1,000,000:1 < 100 nsec					
Dual mode modulation	Input digital ar	nd analogue mod	ulation signals, at th	ne same time.	N/A	Yes					
Communication		Micro-U	SB, RS232		OEM option	Micro-USB, RS232					
Dimensions			130 (L) x 90 (W) x 38 (H) mm								



# **iFLEX-Viper**Multi-Wavelength Laser Engine Series

The iFLEX-Viper® is a high-performance, solid-state, multi-wavelength laser engine providing up to 5 lasers in a single system with combined, co-axial output. Robust design eliminates the need for user alignment of the internal laser sources. It is portable and easy to use.

#### **Precision Control**

The power adjustment and modulation pattern for each laser is independently controlled; instead of combining beams through an AOTF and allowing the lasers to always emit. Fully independent laser control enables instantaneous switching between wavelengths and simultaneous emission of any wavelength combination. Lasers will only emit when requested, so lifetime may be extended.

Automatic closed-loop control ensures excellent long-term power stability.

The iFLEX-Viper is compatible with a number of commercially available imaging software packages, such as,  $\mu$ -Manager<sup> $\mathrm{TM}$ </sup> and LabView<sup> $\mathrm{TM}$ </sup>.

#### **Permanent Laser Alignment**

Robust, novel, opto-mechanical design in the iFLEX-Viper eliminates the need for user alignment of the internal laser sources. It is a true turnkey system requiring only a drive signal per line to initiate laser emission. The ultra-stable design delivers reliable and repeatable measurements in all applications.



It is a true turnkey system for researchers, easily connected by fiber to microscopes and other instruments. Compact OEM versions also available.

iFLEX-Viper

#### **Fiber Delivery**

The iFLEX-Viper is designed to fiber couple into the kineFLEX single-mode, polarization-maintaining fiber delivery system. After the fiber output, the different wavelength beams remain co-axial, polarized and combined as they propagate through any other optics and onto the sample where they overlap. The kineFLEX fiber provides easy connection to microscopes and other analytical and biomedical instruments.

Laser performance is specified and guaranteed after the fiber. The kineFLEX SM PM fibers are offered in different lengths with either collimated or connector outputs.

#### **Features & Benefits**

#### **Features:**

- Output Beam: Combined, coaxial
- Fully independent laser control
- True Off for each wavelength
- Exceptional power stability
- Class-leading beam pointing stability
- Ultra-low noise performance
- Options: USB, fibers, future upgrades

#### **Benefits:**

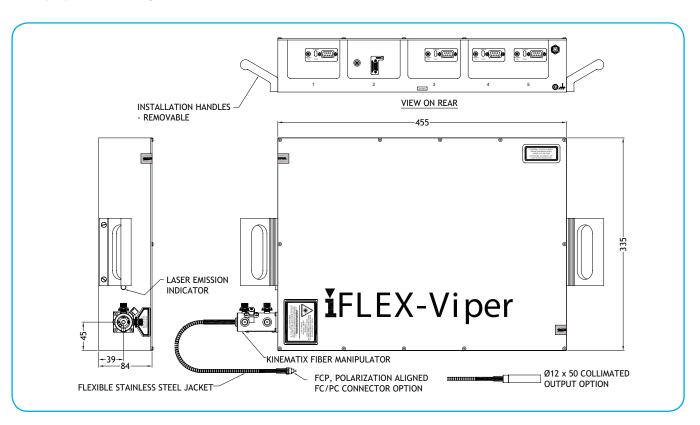
- Easy to use, portable, turnkey system
- No laser alignment required
- Reliable and repeatable measurements
- OEM or CDRH compliant systems

# iFLEX-Viper fiber coupled laser specification overview

Wavelength (nm)	640	± 5	561	± 2	532 ± 2 5			± 2 488		3 ± 2	445	± 5	405	± 5
Nomenclature		3	,	Y	G	i1	(	3		В		I	١	/
Power after fiber (mW)	20	50	20	50	20	50	20	40	20	50	20	50	20	50
RYBV - Basic system				,	,				,	,				
Low power iFLEX-Viper-RYBV	•		•		<b>\Q</b>		<b>◊</b>		•		<b>\Q</b>		•	
High power iFLEX-Viper-RYBV		•		•		<b>♦</b>		<b>♦</b>		•		<b>\( \)</b>		•
YGBI - Basic system														
Low power iFLEX-Viper-YGBI	<b>\Q</b>		•		<b>♦</b>		•		•		•		<b>♦</b>	
High power iFLEX-Viper-YGBI		<b>♦</b>		•		<b>♦</b>		•		•		•		<b>♦</b>
Noise rms (20Hz – 2 MHz)							< 0.3	% typ						
Power stability (8 hours)							< 2	. %						
Spatial mode, TEM <sub>00</sub> , M <sup>2</sup>						M2 < 1	1.1 typ, d	ffraction	limited					
Pointing stability after fiber							< 1 µı	rad/°C						
Polarization extinction ratio							≥ 10	00:1						
Max. base plate temp.							40	°C						
CW power adjustment (per λ) %	0, 0.1-	100%	0, 0.1	-100%	0, 0.1-	-100%	0, 0.1-	100%	0, 0.1	-100%	0, 0.1-	100%	0, 0.1-	100%
Analogue modulation (per λ)	0 –	5 V	0 –	5 V	0 –	5 V	0 –	5 V	0 –	5 V	0 –	5 V	0 –	5 V
Bandwidth					DC t	o 2MHz,	over 3dE	B bandwi	dth frequ	iency				
Dynamic range		≥ 30 dB												
Rise / fall time over 10 – 90%		≤ 350 ns												
Dimensions laser head		455mm (L) x 335mm (W) x 84mm (H)												
Dimensions controller				3701	mm (L) x	322mm (	W) x 85r	nm (H) (c	or H = 91	mm with	feet)			

<sup>♦</sup> Options for 5th line. Other wavelength combinations are also available.

o Fiber output options: 1m, 2m or 3m lengths, 0.7mm diameter collimated or connectors (FCP, FCP8, APC)



# **kineFLEX**Fiber Delivery Systems

The kineFLEX® is a robust SM PM fiber delivery system, suitable for use with most lasers. These single-mode, polarization-maintaining fiber delivery systems deliver the world's best beam pointing stability, making them industry standard in many imaging and precision measurement applications. This fiber delivery system includes: integrated input optics that are pre-focused and optimized for the laser, output optics or connector, and the fiber coupler.

# kineFLEX Fibers can be coupled to most lasers:

**Single**  $\lambda$ : for diode, DPSS, gas etc.

White light  $\lambda$ : 488-640 nm, ArKr, RGB systems

Broadband  $\lambda$ : 400-640 nm, 488-780 nm

ULTRA wide  $\lambda$ : 400-800 nm

High Power: to 500mW standard or custom

Ultraviolet λ: 355 nm



#### **Standard Option Examples**

• Wavelengths: 355 nm to 852 nm

• Lengths: 1m, 2m, 3m

• Power CW: 100mW or <500mW

• Collimated output: 0.7mm diameter

Connector output: FCP, APC or FCP8



#### Reasons to use a kineFLEX Fiber System

- Easy beam delivery from "A" to "B"
- Remove hot spots / side lobes / irregularities in the beam profile as the fiber acts as a spatial filter
- World's best pointing stability <1µrad/°C
- Higher power throughput levels
- Fast, and efficient instrument manufacture and servicing with detachable fiber delivery
- Reduce optical errors from multiple interfaces with integrated beam shaping
- Improve instrument stability by removing risk of bulk optic movement through integrating beam shaping optics in fiber
- Robust fiber, safely enclosed laser beam
- Compatible with different environments such as vacuum, UHC, dusty, vibrating
- Custom beam shaping integrated in fiber

#### **OEM Custom Option Examples**

- SM, PM, MM & Multi-Channel fibers
- UV-VIS-NIR and lengths to ~40m
- Integrated beam-shaping optics for elliptical, focused, collimated, flat top and parallel spot patterns
- Few Watts into VIS λ SM PM fiber
- Vacuum compatible with options for single core from air to vacuum
- Photonic crystal fiber options

# kineMATIX Fiber Coupler

The kineMATIX® is the patented opto-mechanical mount used to align the laser beam into the single-mode fiber. The kineMATIX manipulator is included in the kineFLEX fiber delivery system. A kineMATIX manipulator is included with the kineFLEX Fiber Delivery Systems.

#### **Extremely stable opto-mechanics**

It has 4-axes of adjustment (X, Y, tip, tilt) and a centrally located fifth button for easy removal and insertion of the fiber. The design provides sub-micron repeatability and sub-microradian stability. This robust and thermally insensitive design enables the kineMATIX to maintain laser-to-fiber alignment across a wide temperature range and during transit. It truly offers "Set & Forget" laser to fiber alignment.

#### "Plug and Play" performanace

For over 25 years, the iconic kineMATIX has given our customers confidence to use detachable fiber systems inside OEM instruments and in scientific research. It is the only fiber coupler to offer reliable and repeatable "Plug & Play" performance, since the alignment is retained when the fiber is removed and remains when the fiber is re-inserted.





# **OEM Expertise and Capabilities**

Qioptiq is happy to work with our customers to ensure that each fiber system, laser system or laser engine is optimal for the application, and so we offer custom OEM solutions.

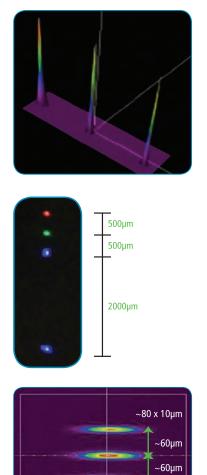
An example of these high-end OEM solutions are the iFLEX-HYDRA<sup>TM</sup> laser engine systems. These are custom designed, multi-wavelength laser engines, with integrated beam-shaping on the fiber output to produce spatially separated beams. These systems effectively combine all the wavelengths needed within the smallest dimensions, and with a SM PM fiber output generating the required beam spot pattern in the flow cell or sample.

They can also be paired with a collection of fiber array to maintain the smallest possible beam paths. This leads to instrument size reduction, with smaller multi-channel laser systems and typically x10 reduction in optics path length.

# **Engage Flexible Laser Technology™** and true development partnership

With over 25 years supporting demanding applications in industrial manufacturing, biotechnology, clinical diagnostics and semicon, Qioptiq brings design and manufacturing expertise in lasers, fiber optics and multiline laser engines to every partnership.





# The iFLEX Spectrum

	Stan	dard Maximum (	Output Power (r	nW)	
	iFLEX-iRIS Laser	iFLEX-iRIS Fiber Coupled Laser	iFLEX-Gemini Laser Engine	iFLEX-Gemini Fiber Coupled Laser Engine	iFLEX-Viper Fiber Coupled Laser Engine
Wavelength (nm)	THE AREA				J. Hadawar
375	50	30			
405	220	150	50	30	50
413	100	60			
445	75	50	50	30	50
458	70	45	50	30	
473	75	50			
488	140	90	50	30	50
505	50	30			
515	60	40	50	30	40
520	30	20			
532	40	25			50
561	40	25	30	20	50
594	20	12			
633	70	45			
637	100	65			
642	100	65	50	30	50
647	50	30	50	30	
660	80	50			
670	10	6			
730	20	10			
780	70	45			
852	35	20			
Measured at laser	beam exit or after	fiber output for fib	er coupled laser sys	tems.	



#### Discover the Q!

Qioptiq delivers cutting-edge technology for all photonic and optical requirements of OEM System development and scientific research alike. Global production capabilities and state-of-the-art manufacturing guarantee an impressive portfolio of products and solutions. Discover the Q for high-performance solid-state laser systems and fiber optics.

#### **Photonics for Innovation**

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