

Koheras MIKRO

Compact low-noise 1.5 μm OEM fiber laser



The smallest industrial single-frequency fiber laser

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Applications

- Distributed optical sensing
- Pipeline integrity monitoring
- Perimeter security and surveillance
- Laser vibrometry

Benefits

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The smallest foot-print available

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Tunable output power and center wavelength

The output power is 40 mW for the E15. The center wavelength can be chosen freely in the 1535-1580 nm range, optionally at 1064nm. The A15 comes with 10 mW and 1550.12 nm with reduced optical specifications used for telecom and short perimeter sensing.

Ideal for OEM integration in sensor applications

The MIKRO laser is ideal for sensor applications such as distributed optical sensing and laser vibrometry that require low noise, high wavelength stability and ultra-stable single-frequency operation, free of mode hops.

Easy to control via a graphical user interface

For easy control, the MIKRO is available with an optional USB interface kit and can be controlled via the NKTP CONTROL graphical user interface.

Model	E15	A15
Standard wavelengths	1550.12 nm	1550.12 nm
Other wavelengths	1535-1580 nm ¹	-
Output power	40 mW ²	10 mW ²
PM fiber delivery	Optional	Optional
Fast modulation	Optional	Optional

1. Optionally at 1064 nm
2. Adjustable output power

Features and Benefits

Fast wavelength modulation and thermal tuning

A key advantage of our distributed feedback fiber laser technology is the freedom to choose the operating wavelength.

Standard modules are available at 1550.12 nm and we offer special modules anywhere in the 1535 – 1580 nm range, optionally at 1064nm.

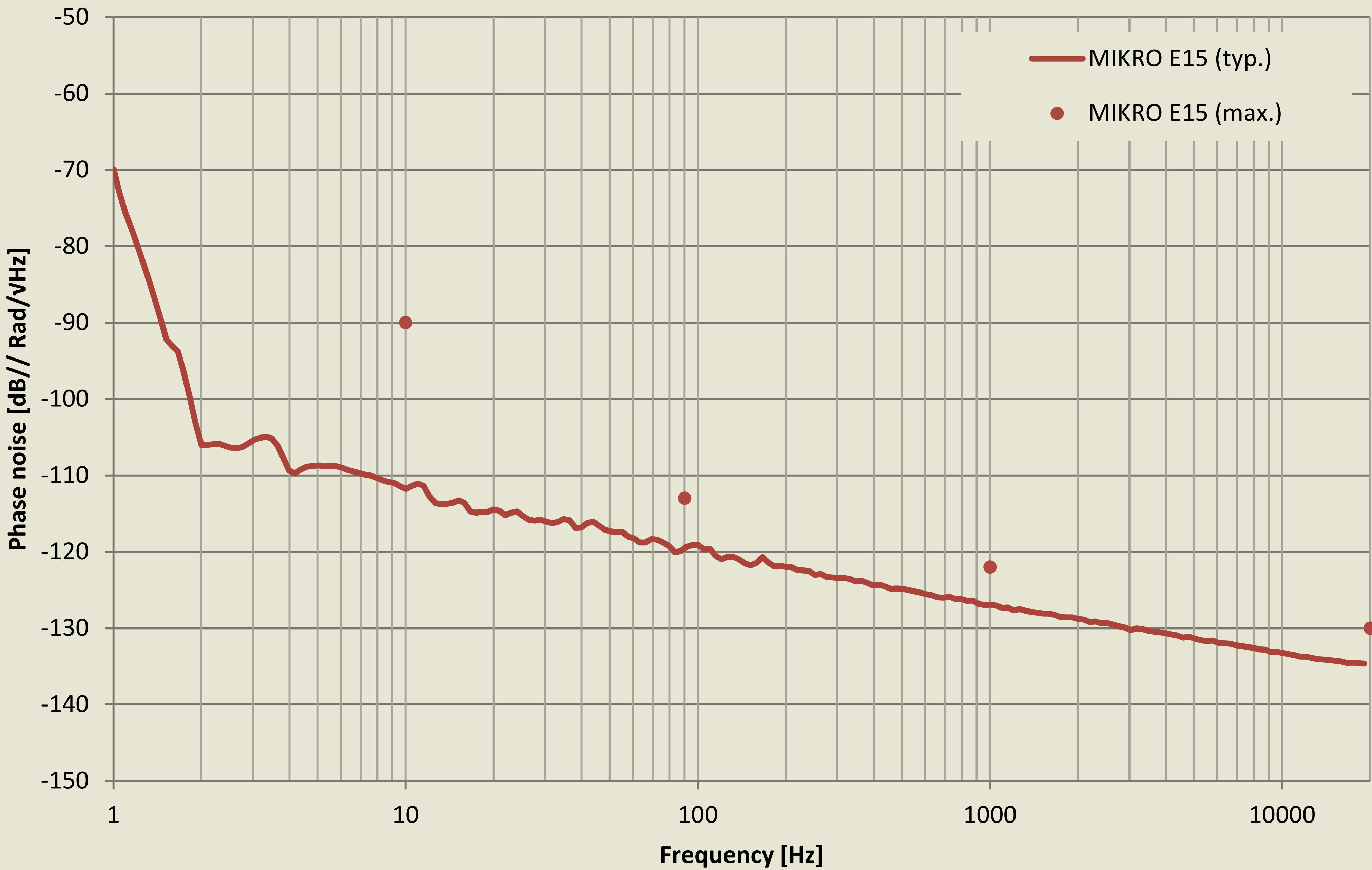
The laser offers a wide thermal tuning range, optionally combined with fast wavelength modulation e.g. for external stabilization.

Ultra-low frequency noise

The MIKRO laser features a very low frequency noise, unparalleled in industrial OEM laser modules.

The robust, single-frequency operation and low noise make the MIKRO lasers a strong choice for coherent sensing applications where ultra-low frequency noise is a key laser parameter for the sensitivity and accuracy of a sensing system.

The plot to the right compares frequency and phase noise of the E15. The graphs represent typical measurements while the dots indicate the guaranteed maximum values.



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Features

- Narrow linewidth
- Ultra-low phase noise
- Stable single-frequency operation
- High wavelength stability
- Plug and Play
- Industrial OEM pagkaging
- Robust and maintenance-free
- Multi-channel system or stand-alone

Options

Fast wavelength modulation

The MIKRO module can be supplied with easy and user-friendly fast wavelength modulation in order to lock the laser to an external stable reference and get an even higher wavelength stability than what is provided by the free-running laser.

Polarization-maintaining fiber output

The standard output is single mode fiber. However, we always offer a polarization maintaining option to ensure a fixed orientation of the polarization. This may be required in case the laser output needs to be externally modulated or frequency converted.

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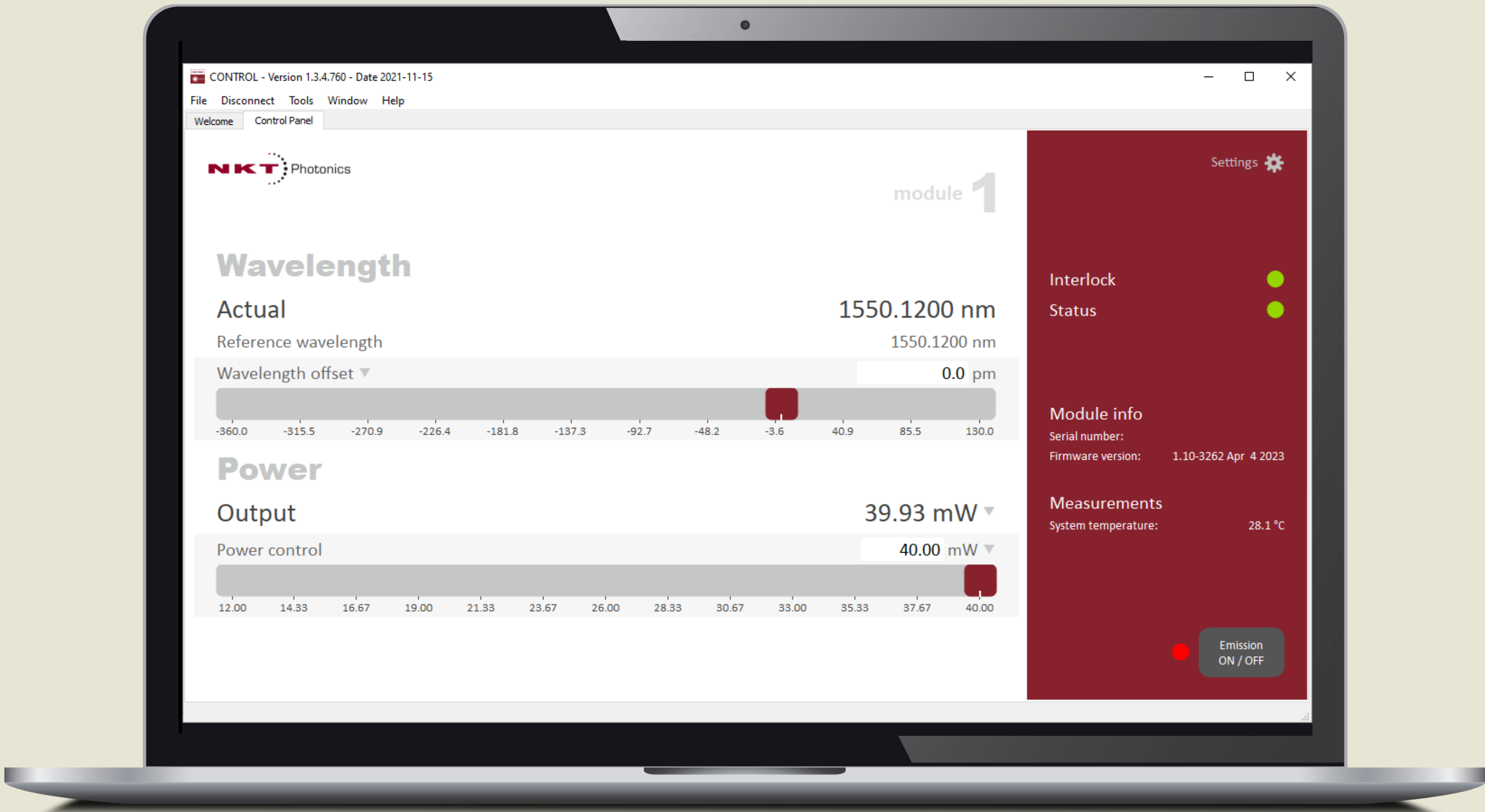
Fast wavelength modulation

Multi-channel integration

Polarization-maintaning fiber output

Graphical user interface

Optical monitor output



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NKT Photonics CONTROL

Like other NKT Photonics lasers, the Koheras MIKRO can be controlled by our intuitive CONTROL software that gives easy access to all laser functions.

The software automatically detects all units attached to the computer. It is easy to use and supports touch input as well as traditional mouse and keyboard control.

Specifications

Optical

Model	E15	A15
Laser emission	Continuous wave - inherently single frequency	
Beam quality	M ² < 1.05	M ² < 1.05
Linewidth [kHz] ¹	< 0.1	< 0.1
Max. phase noise [dB((rad/√Hz)/m)]	-90 @ 10 Hz	-90 @ 10 Hz
	-110 @ 100 Hz	-110 @ 100 Hz
	-120 @ 1 kHz	-110 @ 1 kHz
	-130 @ 20 kHz	-130 @ 20 kHz
Max. frequency noise [Hz/√Hz]	1027.7 @ 10 Hz	1027.7 @ 10 Hz
	102.8 @ 100 Hz	102.8 @ 100 Hz
	32.5 @ 1 kHz	102.8 @ 1 kHz
	10.3 @ 20 kHz	10.3 @ 20 kHz
RIN peak [MHz]	Appr. 0.7	Appr. 0.7
RIN level [dBc/Hz]	< -100 @ peak	< -90 @ peak
	< -135 @ 10 MHz	< -120 @ 10 MHz

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Service and warranty extensions

The Koheras warranty and service package ensures trouble free operation of your Koheras laser. The Standard Package gives you a two year warranty extension plus remote diagnostics of key laser parameters through a remote connection to the system.

Our Premium Package adds a guarantee that we always stock a laser with your specifications - ready to ship - should you need it.

Model	E15	A15
Optical S/N (50 pm res.) [dB] ²	> 50 (typ. > 55)	> 48
Min. thermal wavelength tuning range [pm] ³	± 350	± 350
Total thermal wavelength tuning range [pm]	1000	1000
Options		
Fast wavelength modulation range [GHz]	> 8	> 8
Fast wavelength modulation [kHz]	Up to 20	Up to 20
PM output - PER [dB]	> 23	> 20

1. 120 μs integration time
2. >47 dB (typ. > 52 dB) for non-PM version.
3. Relative to center wavelength at room temperature. If the laser case temperature is outside the interval of approximately 10-50 °C, the range of detuning from the center wavelength may be reduced.

Specifications

Electrical/Mechanical/Environmental

Power supply requirements [VDC]	12
Power consumption [W]	Typical 4, max. 10
Communication interface	RS-485
Optical output	Standard: FC/APC pigtail, 0.5 m Optional: Bulkhead/pigtail FC/APC, SC/APC
Operation temperature [°C] ¹	15 – 60
Dimensions (WxHxL) [mm ³]	70 x 20 x 150
Weight [kg]	0.35
Humidity non-condensing [% RH]	0 – 70

1) Module temperature. For other temperature options, please contact us.

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Reliability

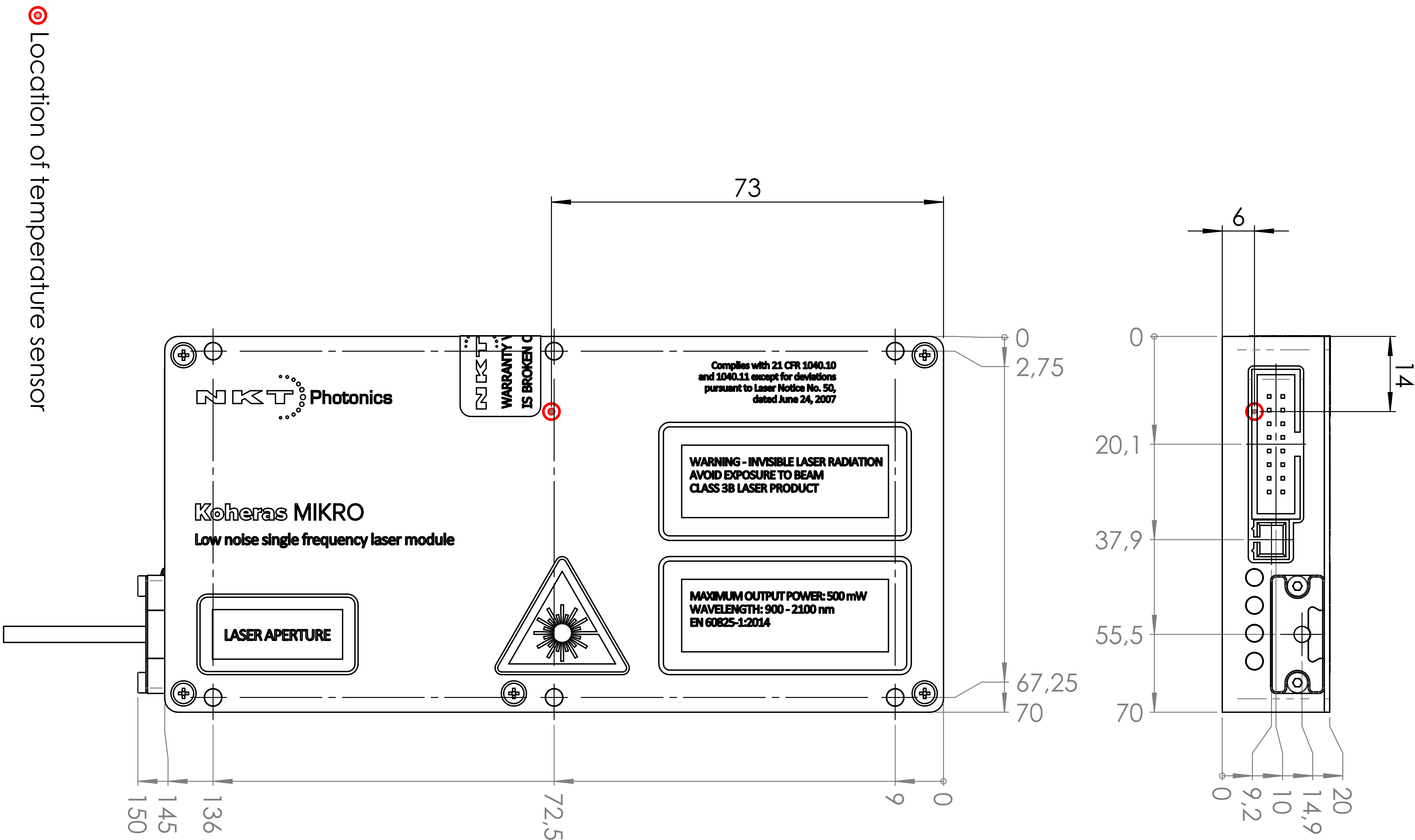
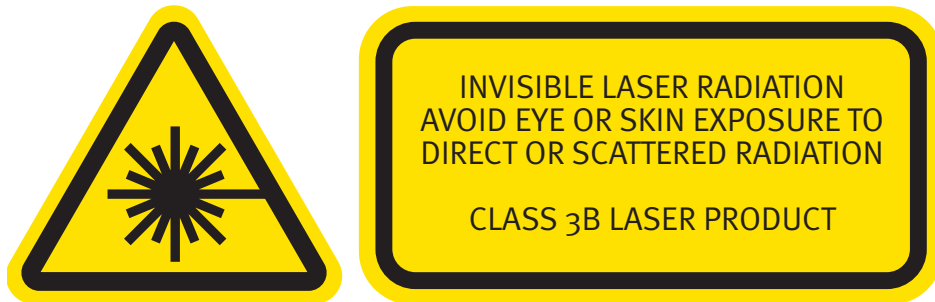
The Koheras range of single frequency fiber lasers is based on telecom-grade fiber components and built to last thousands of hours with no service or maintenance.

With several thousand lasers installed in environments varying from fully climate controlled national standards laboratories to the demanding environment on oil rigs and submarines, the Koheras line is the most robust single-frequency laser range on the market with an unmatched reliability track record.

Technical Drawings

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All NKT Photonics products are produced under our quality management system certified in accordance with the ISO 9001:2015 standard.



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