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1 What's in this user manual?

You can find the following information in this document:

Before you begin	Conventions Safety information System requirements
Getting started	Introducing the LASER 1000 Series Setting up hardware Managing your product with Cohesion Operator Instrument IP address
Working with your LASER	**CohesionUI GUI:** CohesionUI - Overview Controlling your LASER with CohesionUI **SCPI commands:** Controlling your LASER with SCPI commands Programming examples and applications
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2 Conventions

Please make yourself familiar with these conventions; we use them throughout this user manual:

WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in **death or serious injury**.

Do not proceed unless the required conditions are met and understood.

CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in **minor or moderate injury** or **component damage**.

Do not proceed unless the required conditions are met and understood.

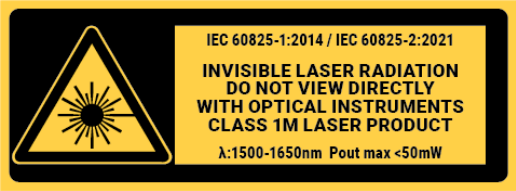
NOTE

Indicates relevant information that requires your attention.

3 Safety information

Carefully read all safety information before using your Quantifi Photonics product.

3.1 Optical laser radiation precautions



WARNING

To protect yourself from harm caused by optical radiation:

- Do not install or terminate fibers while the light source is active.
- Turn the Quantifi Photonics product OFF before inspecting the end face(s) of the product, or any optical patch cords connected to it.
- Never look directly into a live fiber; ensure that your eyes are protected at all times.
- Equip all unused ports with protective caps or blanking covers.

CAUTION

The use of controls, adjustments, and procedures other than those specified in this document may result in exposure to hazardous situations involving optical radiation.

3.2 Electromagnetic compatibility

CAUTION

For electromagnetic compatibility, this product is a Class A product. It is intended for use in an industrial environment. There may be potential difficulties in ensuring electromagnetic compatibility in other environments, due to conducted as well as radiated disturbances.

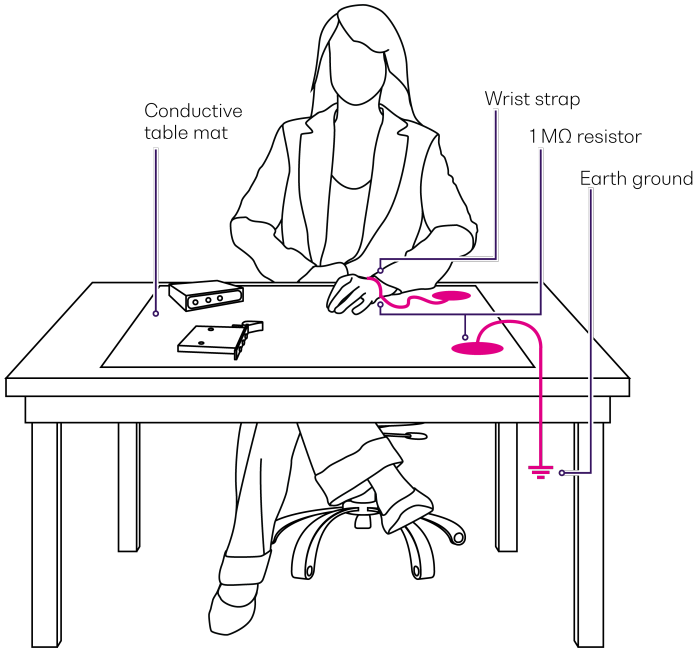
This symbol on the unit refers to documentation provided with the product for related safety information. Ensure that the required conditions are met and understood before using the product.

3.3 Electrostatic discharge precautions

CAUTION

The product is sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). To ensure that you do not cause ESD damage to the product:

- Always follow proper grounding and ESD management practices.
- Store the unused product in the original protective electrostatic packaging that it was shipped in.
- Use a wrist strap and grounding table mat when unpacking or handling the product.



4 Introducing the LASER 1000 Series

The Laser 1000 Series is a continuous wave (CW), tunable laser source offering high-power output, narrow 100kHz linewidth and 0.01pm resolution tunability. The Laser 1000 Series can be easily integrated into new or existing test setups to save space, lower costs, and improve testing efficiency.

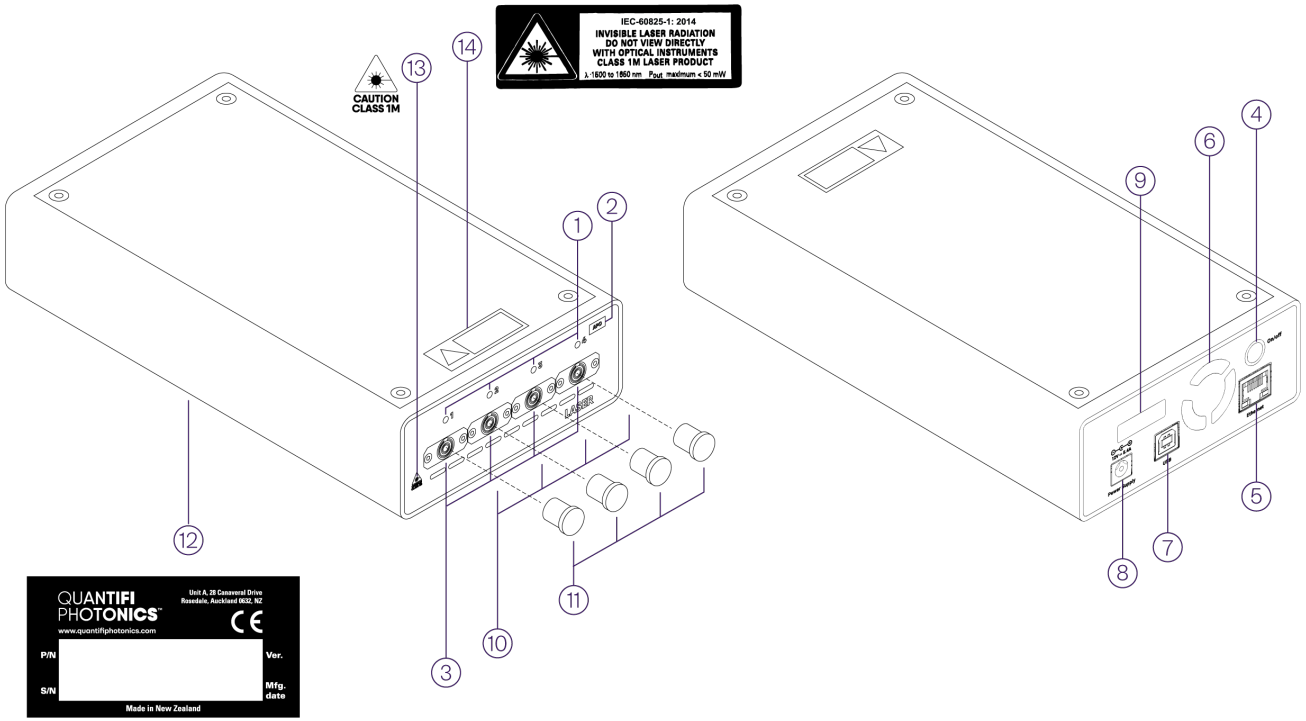
Programming interfaces

Through its programming interfaces you can take advantage of the SCPI-compliant command language and choose from programming tools such as LabView, C++, Python, or any of the other popular programming languages used to control automatic test equipment (ATE).

CohesionUI™

Quantifi Photonics' web-based graphical user interface CohesionUI is hosted on Microsoft Windows® and enables you to control your device from any supported web browser.

4.1 Hardware description



Front		Rear	
1	Status LEDs	4	On/ Off push button
2	Optical connector type	5	Ethernet port
3	Laser output ports	6	Ventilation fan (DO NOT OBSTRUCT)
10	Class 1M laser radiation paths	7	USB type B port
11	Protective caps	8	Power supply port
12	Laser MATRIQ instrument information	9	IP address LCD screen
13	Laser warning symbol		
14	IEC laser hazard safety label		

4.2 Status LEDs

The LED shows the status of the channel:

LED	Meaning
OFF	Product is powered OFF
	Product is powered ON and the laser is DISABLED / OFF
solid RED	Product is powered ON and the laser is ENABLED / ON Do **NOT** look into the fiber or inspect it while the laser is ENABLED / ON!
flashing red	During startup: Indicates the initialization of the product.
	After startup, if flashing persists for more than 15 seconds: Indicates an error.

4.3 Environmental conditions

Range of environmental conditions:

Indoor or outdoor use	Indoor only
Altitude	Max. 2000m
Operating temperature range	5°C to 40°C | 41°F to 104°F
Storage temperature range	-40°C to 70°C | -40°F to 158°F
Relative humidity range	20% to 80%
DC voltage supply	12V DC, 5.41A
Pollution degree	2

5 Setting up hardware

Follow the instructions in this section when setting up your instrument.

CAUTION

The product is sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). To prevent damage from ESD:

- Do not remove the product from the antistatic packaging until required to do so.
- Wear a grounded wrist strap at all times when handling the product.

CAUTION

Skin contact may leave corrosive residue and damage a connector:

- Always clean optical end faces before mating.

NOTE

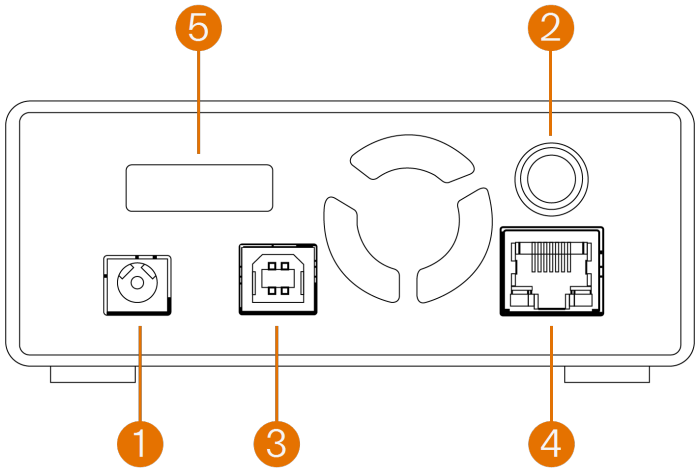
- You must use the external power supply that has been supplied by Quantifi Photonics with the unit. Any attempt to use a different external power supply may cause product damage and will void your warranty.
- The external power supply that has been supplied with the unit can only be used with that unit. Do not use it with any other product.
- DO NOT attempt to remove or adjust any component of the product while the power is on. Ensure the product is powered OFF, and that the correct handling procedure detailed herein is followed when you remove or install any products.

NOTE

Please check for the fiber end-face type of the optical ports, such as PC or APC, and only use the same type optical connector to avoid damaging the end-face.

For advice on connector and fiber care, please refer to Working with optical fibers.

5.1 Set up your LASER 1000 product and power ON



▶ To set up your instrument and power ON:

To allow for optimal air flow and avoid thermal issues, do not block the ventilation fans in the front and back of the instrument and set up your instrument with a minimum clearance of 2 inches (50.8mm) around it.

1. Insert the power cord - you must use the IEC cable supplied with the unit.
2. Power the instrument ON by pushing the ON button.
3. Connect to a client computer using a USB cable,

   OR

4. Connect to your network or client computer using an Ethernet cable.
5. The instrument IP address will appear on the LCD screen. When the unit is connected via both Ethernet and USB cable, both the Ethernet and USB IP addresses are displayed.

After powering ON, please wait at least **1 minute** before attempting to communicate with the unit. This gives the unit time to finish boot procedures and initialize the communication server.

5.2 Instrument IP address

To access your Quantifi Photonics instrument from a client computer, you need the IP address of the instrument.

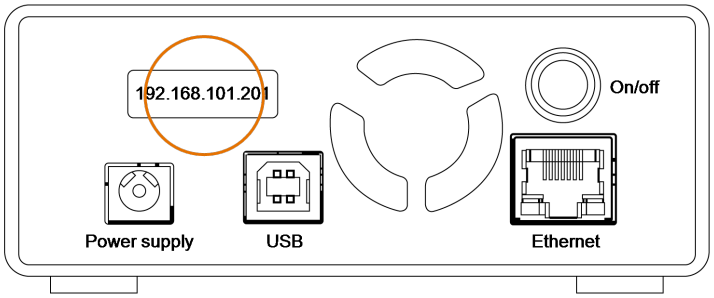
Your instrument can have two different IP addresses depending on your chosen connection method (USB or Ethernet):

- The default **USB IP address** is **192.168.101.201**. This is a static address set during instrument calibration.
- The default **Ethernet IP address** is dynamically assigned by the DHCP.

▶ To view an instrument's IP address:

With your instrument powered ON, you can view the current IP address on the LCD display.

If your instrument is connected with both, Ethernet and USB cables, both the USB and Ethernet IP address are displayed.



▶ To change an instrument's IP address:

You can change the instrument's static USB IP address and you can assign a static Ethernet IP address using CohesionUI.

Multi-instrument control

If you have several Quantifi Photonics instruments with static IP addresses on your network, make sure to assign a unique IP address to each instrument before connecting.

For details, refer to Change the instrument IP address.

6 Managing your product with Cohesion Operator

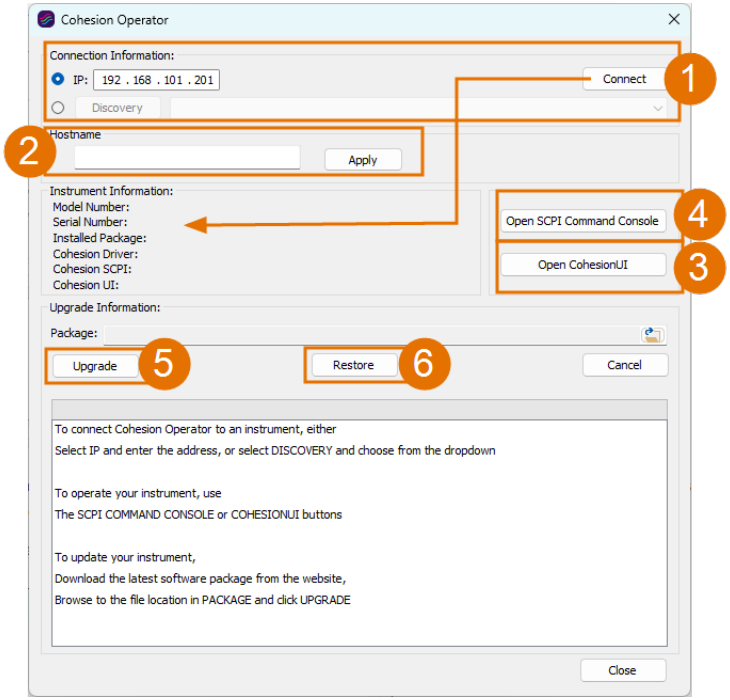
(Cohesion Operator 3.2.6)

To work with Quantifi Photonics instruments, you need to install the latest version of the **Cohesion Operator** software package on any computer that you use to connect with your instrument (client computer).

The software package is included on the USB media device that we provide with your instrument, or you can download it from quantifiphotonics.com (go to Resources > Drivers, software and manuals > MATRIQ Series).

Cohesion Operator enables you to:

1. **Connect** with instruments that are available on your network to retrieve instrument information and validate the instrument's IP address.
2. View and modify the **hostname** of the instrument.
3. Access an instrument using **CohesionUI**, a web-based graphical user interface.
4. Work with an instrument using the **SCPI Command Console**.
5. Upgrade instrument **firmware**.
6. Restore an instrument to **factory settings**.



Static vs dynamic IP address

Use one of the following methods to connect Cohesion Operator to the instrument:

- **Static IP Address** (recommended, USB cable required)

  Connect using the instrument's static IP address as shown on the instrument screen (for example, **192.168.101.201**). A USB cable is typically required for the initial connection.

- **Dynamic IP Address** (USB cable not required)

  Connect using a dynamic IP address.To enable automatic IP detection, ensure the computer running Cohesion Operator has at least one IP address on the same subnet as the instrument. For example, if the instrument IP address is **10.198.177.xxx**, the computer must also have an IP address in the **10.198.177.xxx** subnet.

  This allows Cohesion Operator to automatically detect IP address changes after an instrument reboot and maintain communication.

6.1 Install the Cohesion Operator software package

▶ To install the software package on a client computer:

1. (recommended) Save your work and close all programs.
2. Download the Cohesion Operator software package from the website, or insert the **USB media device** that includes the software package in the computer.
3. Double-click **CohesionOperator-<version>.exe** and follow the prompts.

   A Windows Security Alert may prompt you to allow network access. We recommend that you allow access to both, private and public networks, to enable any network configuration.

   The installation wizard will install required drivers, applications, and desktop icons on the computer.

Multi-instrument control

If another Quantifi Photonics instrument is already connected to the client computer via USB, make sure each instrument has a unique USB IP address to avoid any addressing conflicts.

▶ To open the Cohesion Operator application:

- Double-click the **Cohesion Operator** desktop icon or open **Cohesion Operator** from the Start menu.

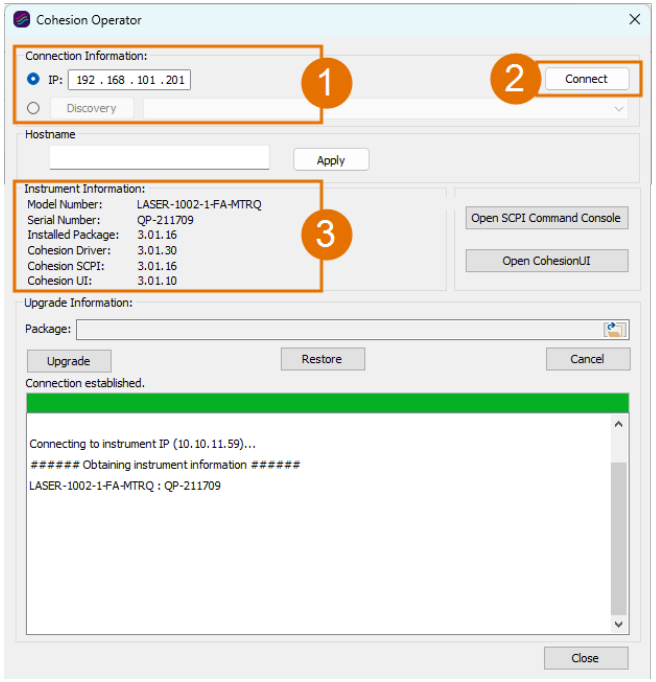
6.2 Connect with an instrument and retrieve instrument information

Using Cohesion Operator, you can check the firmware version and other details of Quantifi Photonics instruments that are available on your network.

▶ To check details in Cohesion Operator:

1. Select the instrument.
2. Click **Connect**.
3. Current instrument information will be displayed.

   Installed Package refers to the currently loaded firmware version.



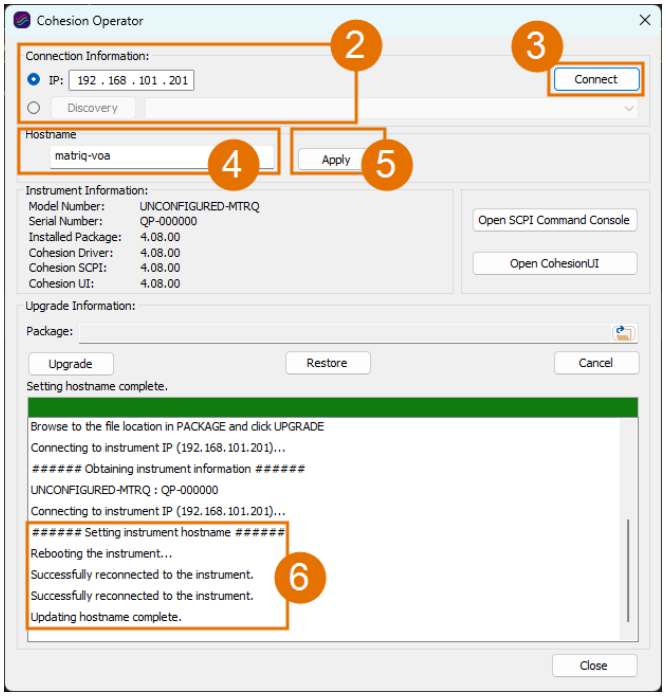
6.3 Set a hostname

Using Cohesion Operator, you can view and modify the hostnames of connected instruments.

> We recommend that you assign a hostname via a USB connection to prevent possible connection loss when using an Ethernet connection.

▶ To assign a hostname:

1. Open the Cohesion Operator, for example by double-clicking the **Cohesion Operator** desktop icon.



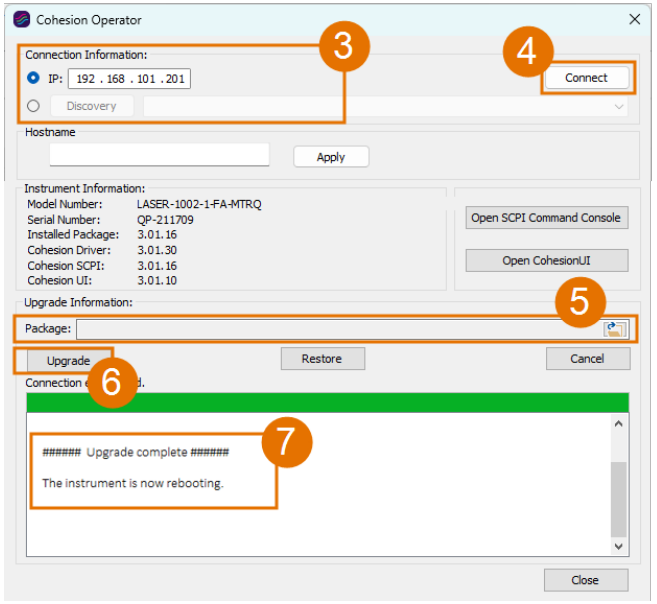
2. Select the instrument by entering its **IP address** or by selecting it from the **Discovery** drop down list.
3. To confirm that you have selected the correct instrument, click **Connect**. This will retrieve instrument information.
4. Enter a hostname.
5. Click **Apply**. Cohesion Operator will assign the hostname to the instrument. This can take a few minutes and the instrument might reboot several times in the process.
6. A message shows when setting the hostname was successful.

6.4 Upgrade firmware

We recommend that you upgrade firmware via a USB connection to prevent possible connection loss when using an Ethernet connection.

▶ To upgrade an instrument with the latest firmware:

1. Get the latest MATRIQ firmware package **CohesionMATRIQ-<version>.qfw**, for example by downloading it from quantifiphotonics.com (go to **Resources > Drivers, software and manuals > MATRIQ Series**), and save it to your network.
2. Open the Cohesion Operator, for example by double-clicking the **Cohesion Operator** desktop icon.



3. Select the instrument by entering its **IP address** or by selecting it from the **Discovery** drop down list.
4. To confirm that you have selected the correct instrument, click **Connect**.
   This will retrieve instrument information, with **Installed Package** showing the current firmware version.
5. In **Package**, click the Browse button, navigate to the previously downloaded firmware package and select it.
6. Click **Upgrade**. The instrument will be upgraded to the selected firmware package. This can take a few minutes and the instrument might reboot several times in the process.
7. A message shows when the upgrade is complete.

To verify the new firmware version, click **Connect** (4) to retrieve the latest instrument information.

NOTE

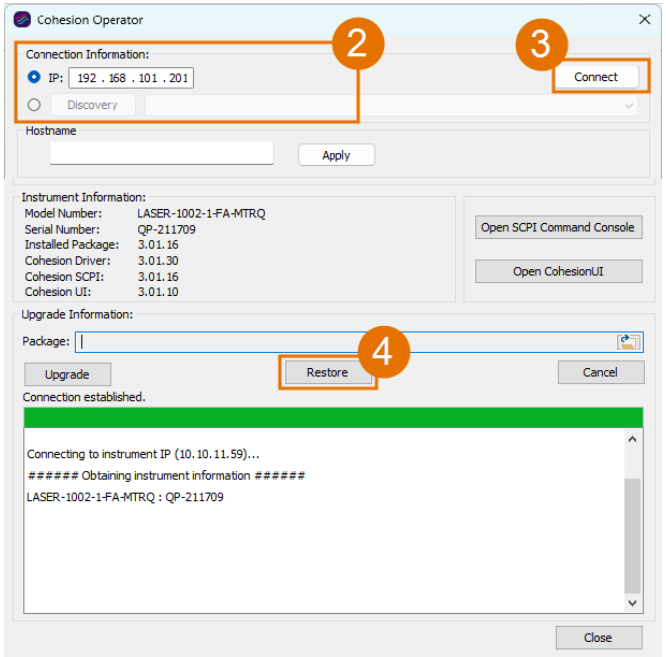
If an upgrade attempt is unsuccessful, the Cohesion Operator will stop the upgrade process and restore the instrument to its previous firmware version. Messages will be displayed accordingly.

6.5 Restore factory settings

We recommend that you restore factory settings via a USB connection to prevent possible connection loss when using an Ethernet connection.

▶ To restore factory settings:

1. Open the Cohesion Operator, for example by double-clicking the **Cohesion Operator** desktop icon.



2. Select the instrument by entering its **IP address** or by selecting it from the **Discovery** drop down list.
3. To confirm that you have selected the correct instrument, click **Connect**.
   This will retrieve instrument information, with **Installed Package** showing the current firmware version.
4. Click **Restore**.
   The instrument will be returned to factory settings, including IP address settings.

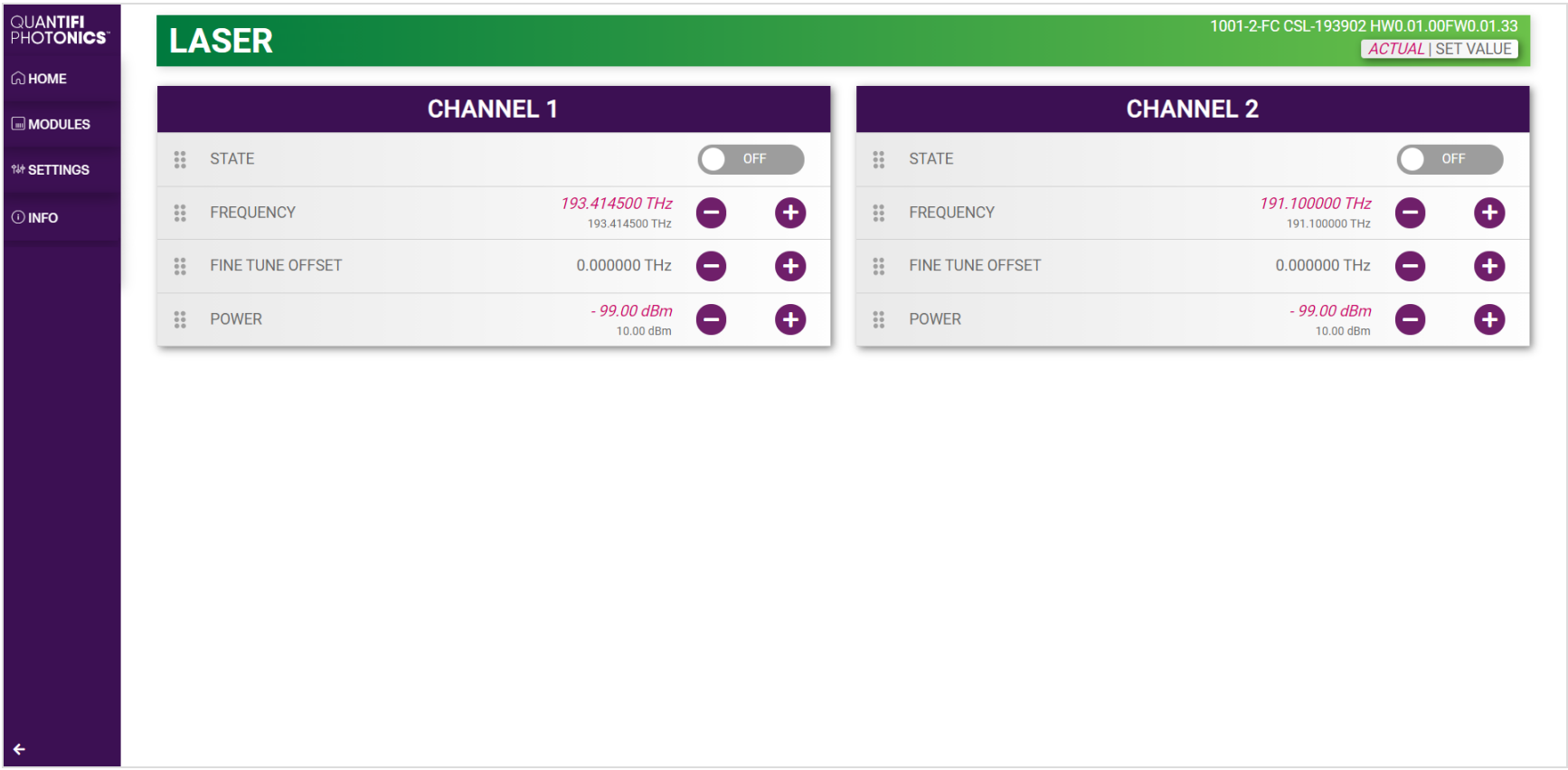
7 CohesionUI - Overview

CohesionUI is a web-based graphical interface that you can use to work with your Quantifi Photonics product.

> CohesionUI is part of the MATRIQ firmware package running on your Quantifi Photonics instrument.

From the menu on the left you can navigate to the following pages:

1. **HOME**: This is your main page. From here you can access all controls for your instrument
2. **SETTINGS**: Here you can change CohesionUI settings and/or instrument IP address
3. **INFO**: Here you can display instrument information, e.g. model number and firmware version



7.1 Access instruments with CohesionUI

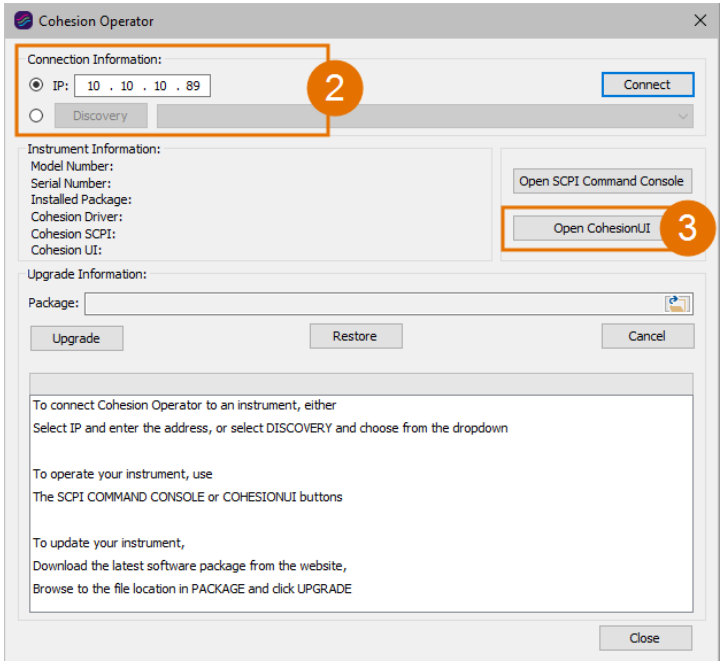
You can open CohesionUI for Quantifi Photonics MATRIQ and EPIQ instruments:

- from Cohesion Operator, or
- in a supported browser by entering the instrument IP in the address bar.

To open CohesionUI, you need the IP address of the instrument. For details, refer to the Instrument IP address section.

▶ To open CohesionUI from Cohesion Operator:

1. Open **Cohesion Operator** on a client computer, for example by double-clicking the Cohesion Operator desktop icon
2. Select the instrument by entering its **IP address** or by selecting it from the **Discovery** dropdown.
3. Click **Open CohesionUI**.
   CohesionUI will open in your standard browser.



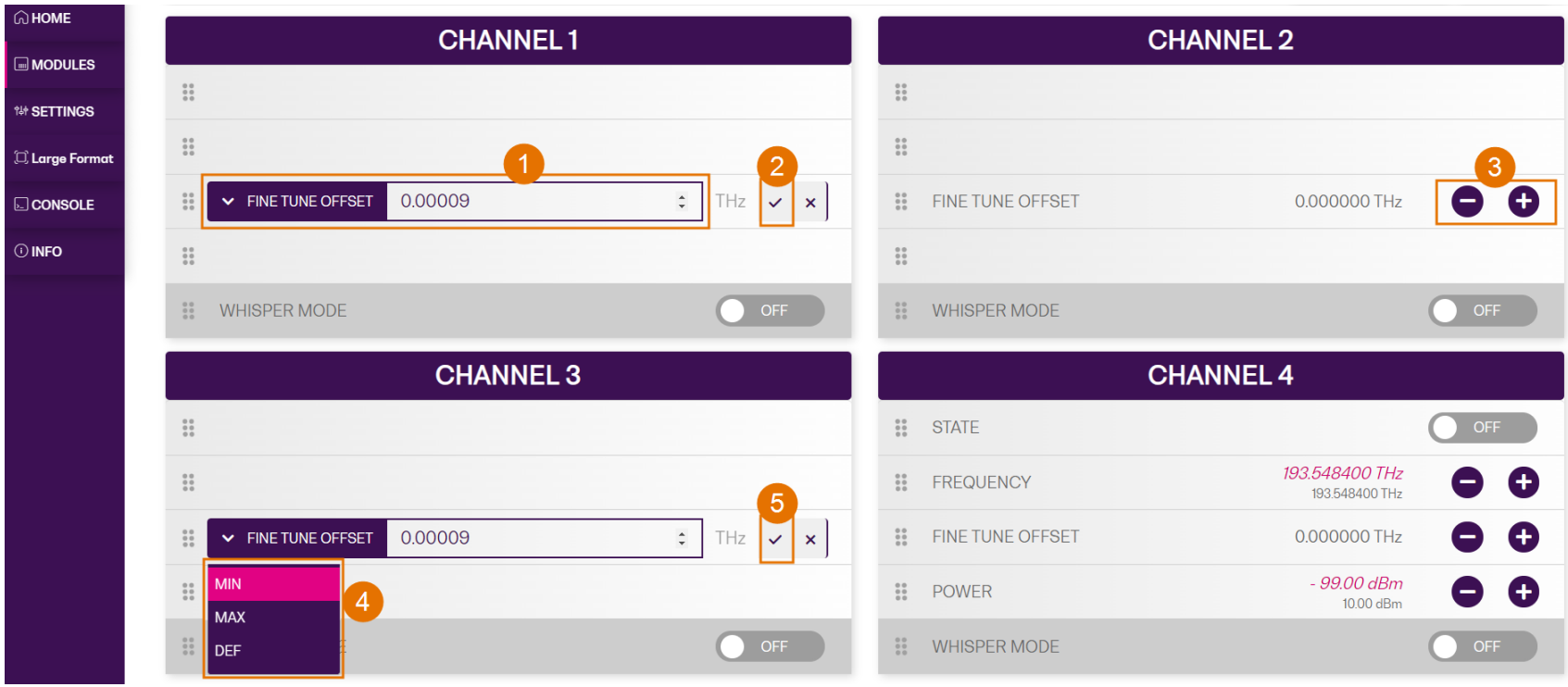
To open CohesionUI in a browser:

1. Launch a supported **browser**.
2. Enter the instrument **IP address** in the address bar.
   CohesionUI will launch in the browser.

7.2 Set values

In CohesionUI you can set values for parameters where applicable.

- To set a value:
  1. Click on a parameter and enter a value.
  2. Confirm the value.
  3. Alternatively, you can use + and - to increase or decrease the value. You can edit the step size in the **SETTINGS** menu.
- To set a pre-defined value, for example **MIN**, **MAX** or **DEF**:
  4. Click on a parameter and select a value from the dropdown menu.
  5. Confirm the value.

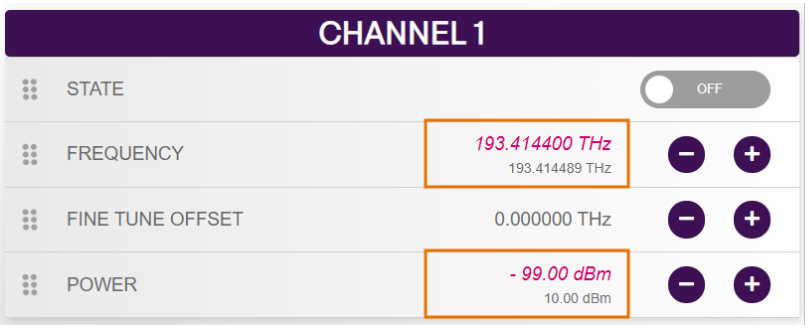


For details on how to change the step size, refer to Manage CohesionUI settings.

7.3 SET values and ACTUAL values

In some cases you can manually set a value that will be displayed alongside the actual value as follows:

- ***ACTUAL***: The actual value of the parameter as queried by the product.
- **SET**: The intended value of a given parameter as set by the user.



7.4 Manage CohesionUI settings

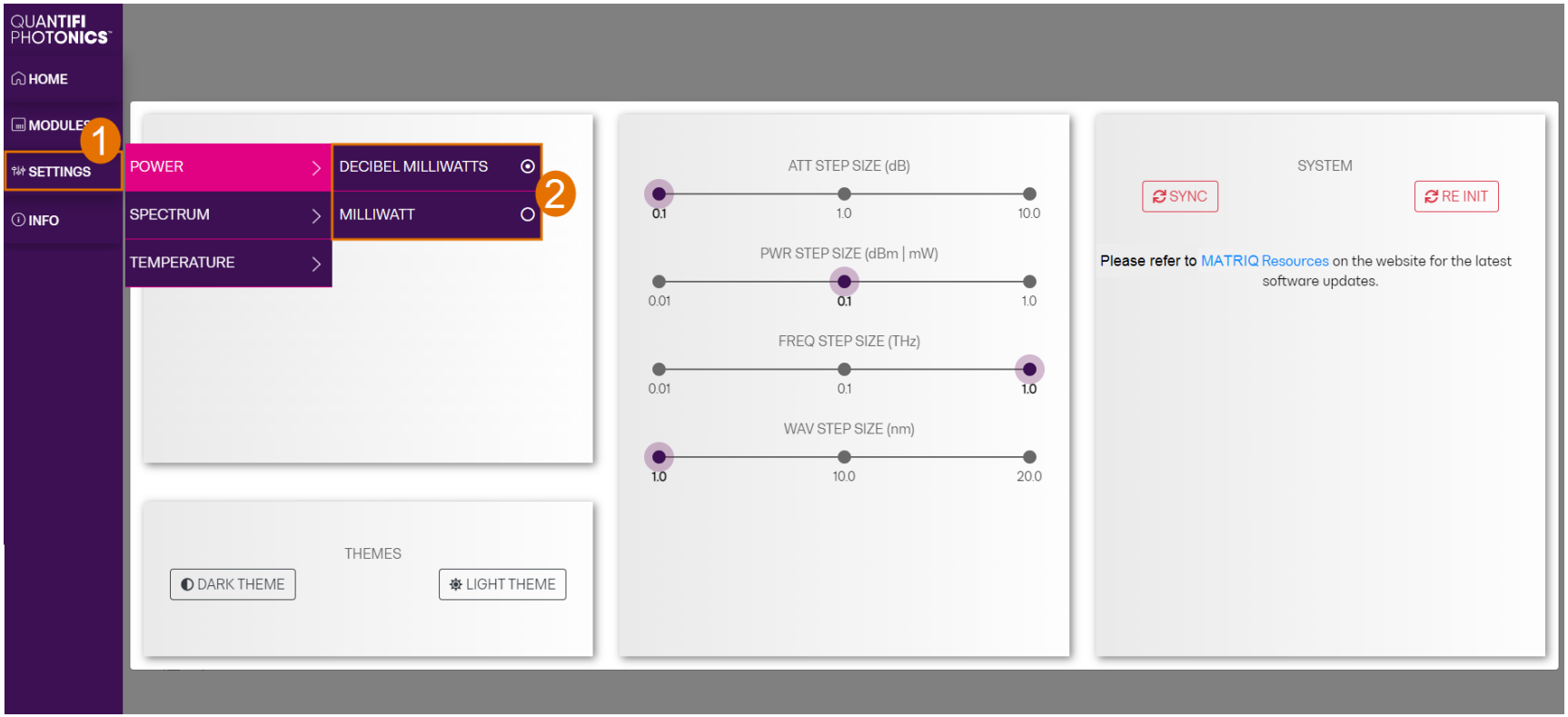
On the **SETTINGS** page you can configure CohesionUI settings and unit preferences.

▶ To view all settings and unit preferences and adjust as required:

1. Click **SETTINGS**.
2. Change settings or unit preferences as required, for example temperature units.
   Please note that the units displayed on this page are not always relevant for each product.
3. **Step size** refers to the amount by which a value is increased or decreased when clicking the **+** or **-** button.

To adjust unit preferences one at a time:

1. Hover over **SETTINGS**.
2. Select a unit from the dropdown, for example the power unit.



7.5 Change the instrument IP address

Your instrument can have two different IP addresses depending on your chosen connection method (USB or Ethernet):

- The default **USB IP address** is **192.168.101.201**. This is a static address set during instrument calibration.
- The default **Ethernet IP address** is dynamically assigned by the DHCP.

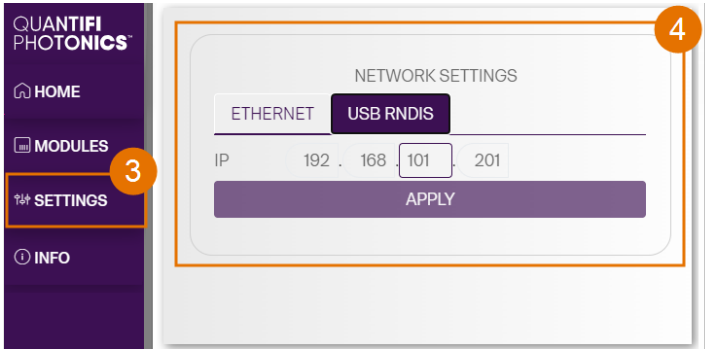
You can change the instrument's static USB IP address, and assign a static Ethernet IP address if required.

> **Multi-instrument control**
>
> If you have several Quantifi Photonics instruments with static IP addresses on your network, make sure to assign a unique IP address to each instrument before connecting.

▶ To change the **USB IP address**:

1. Connect with the instrument from a client computer via USB. Ensure that this is the only Quantifi Photonics instrument currently connected via USB.
2. Open CohesionUI using the currently assigned USB IP address.
3. Go to **SETTINGS**.
4. In **NETWORK SETTINGS > USB RNDIS** tab:

- The currently assigned IP address is displayed. Enter the new IP address by changing the **3rd octet** of the IP address.
  To avoid any addressing conflicts, make sure that this is a unique IP address that is not shared with any other instrument on the network.
- Click **APPLY**. The new IP address will show in CohesionUI and on the display.



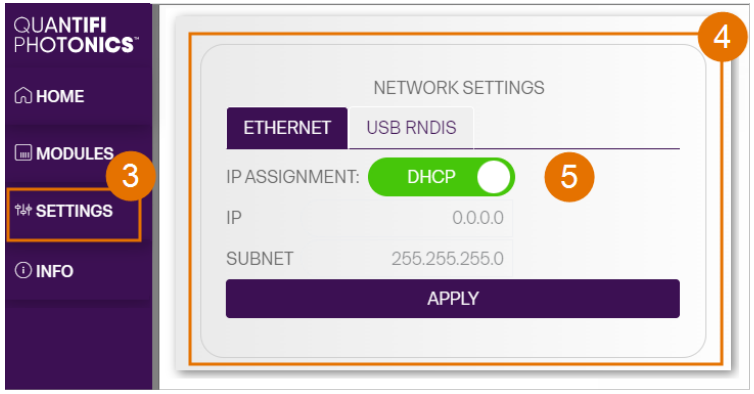
To change the **Ethernet IP address**:

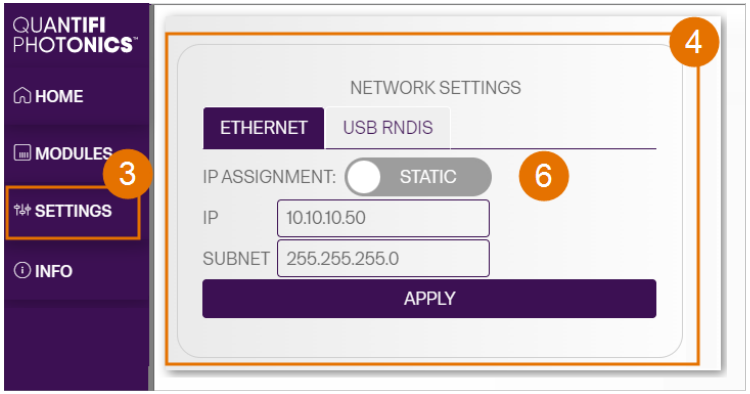
1. Connect with the instrument from a client computer via USB. Ensure that this the only Quantifi Photonics instrument currently connected via USB.
2. Open CohesionUI using the currently assigned USB IP address.
3. Go to **SETTINGS**.
4. In **NETWORK SETTINGS > ETHERNET** tab:
5. Toggle **IP ASSIGNMENT** to **DHCP** to enable the DHCP to automatically assign the Ethernet IP address (this is the default setting) and click **APPLY**.

   OR

6. Toggle **IP ASSIGNMENT** to **STATIC** to assign a static Ethernet IP address.
   Enter the new **IP address** and **SUBNET mask** and click **APPLY**.
   To avoid any addressing conflicts, make sure that this is a unique IP address that is not shared with any other instruments on the network.

   The new IP address will show in CohesionUI and on the display.



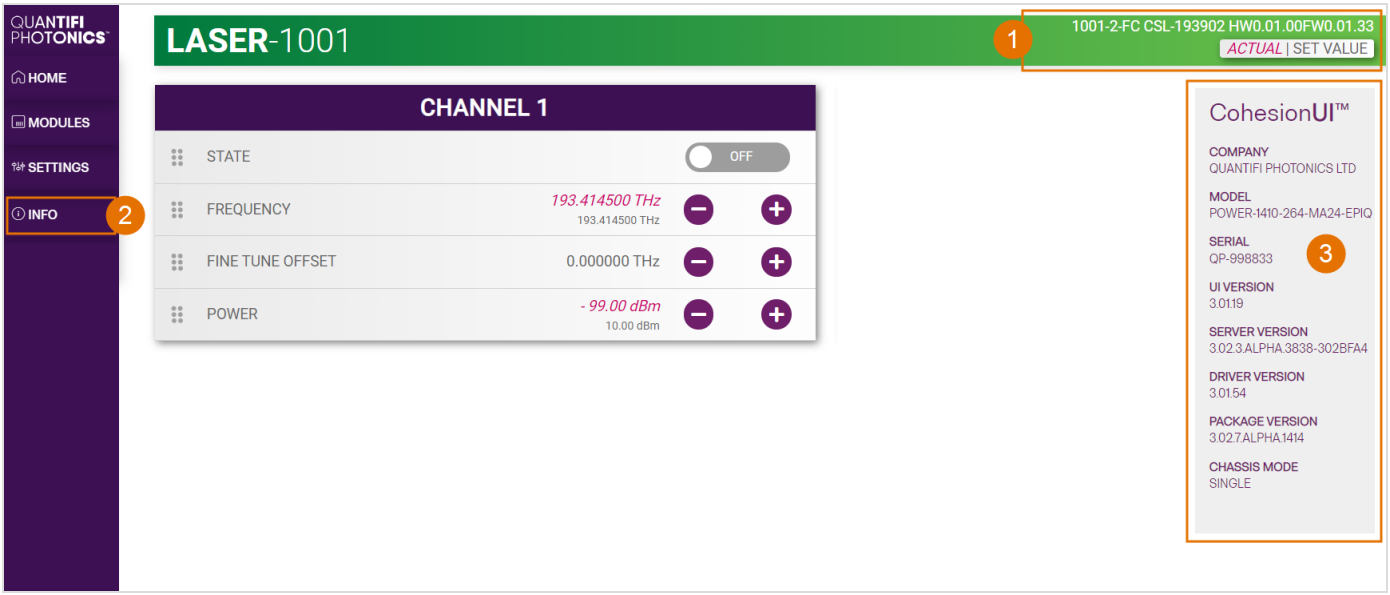


7.6 View system information

You can easily access instrument information, for example the model number and firmware version.

▶ To display instrument information in CohesionUI:

1. Refer to the top right corner in CohesionUI.
2. For more details, click **INFO** to display the information panel.
3. The information panel lists the instrument's serial number, and software and firmware versions.

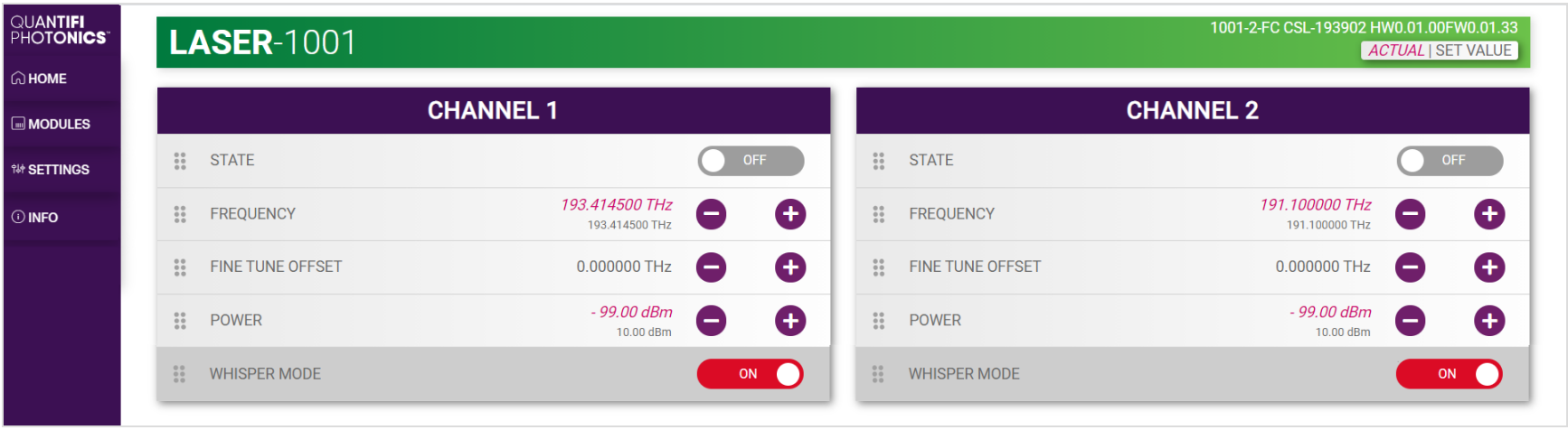


8 Controlling your LASER with CohesionUI

You can use Quantifi Photonics' graphical user interface CohesionUI to work with your instrument. For details on how to get started with CohesionUI, refer to CohesionUI - Overview.

You can:

- Set channel parameter values.
- Toggle the laser ON/OFF.
- Tune the laser product.
- Toggle the Whisper mode ON/OFF.

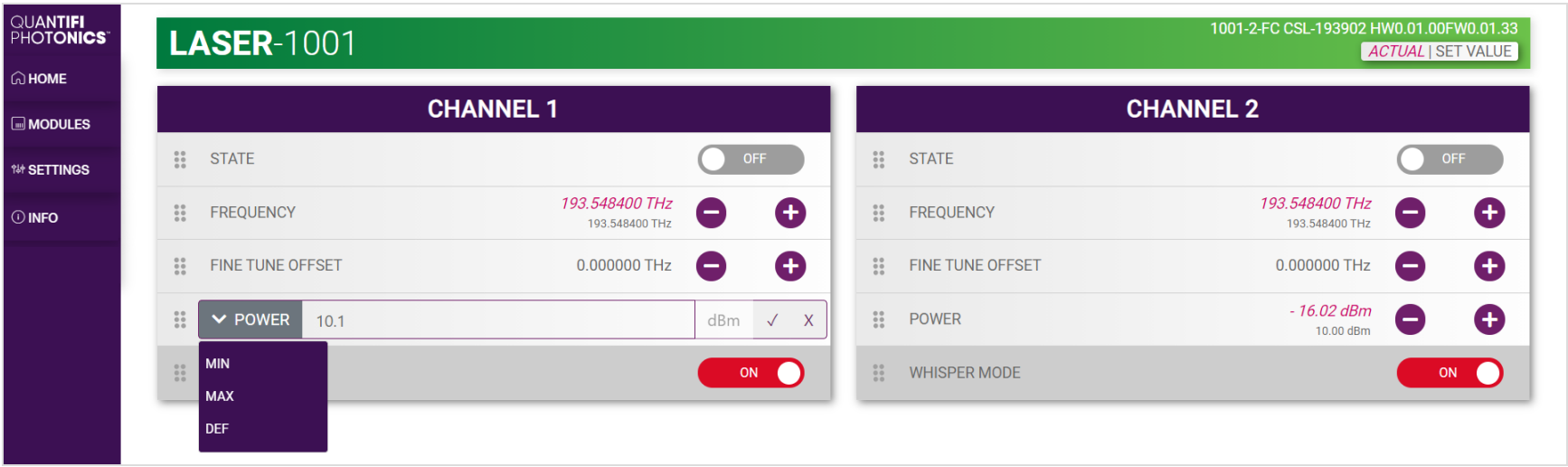


8.1 Setting channel parameter values

Specific control parameters for a given channel in the product can be set by clicking the parameter button, or by using the + and – control buttons to increase or decrease the value field by a set amount. This step size is set in the SETTINGS menu. Alternatively, the parameter can also be set to the MIN and MAX value by clicking the dropdown in the name of the parameter.

This applies to the following parameters:

- **WAVELENGTH (FREQUENCY)**: The desired wavelength (frequency) of light that the LASER product should output. This corresponds to the spectral location of the central peak of the laser. You can switch between wavelength and frequency in the **SETTINGS** menu.
- **POWER**: The desired output power of the LASER product.



In the above example, the **POWER** for CHANNEL 1 has been set to **10.1 dBm** by manual input. Alternatively clicking the MIN button in the dropdown menu will set the power to the minimum value. To apply the changes, click the tick mark.

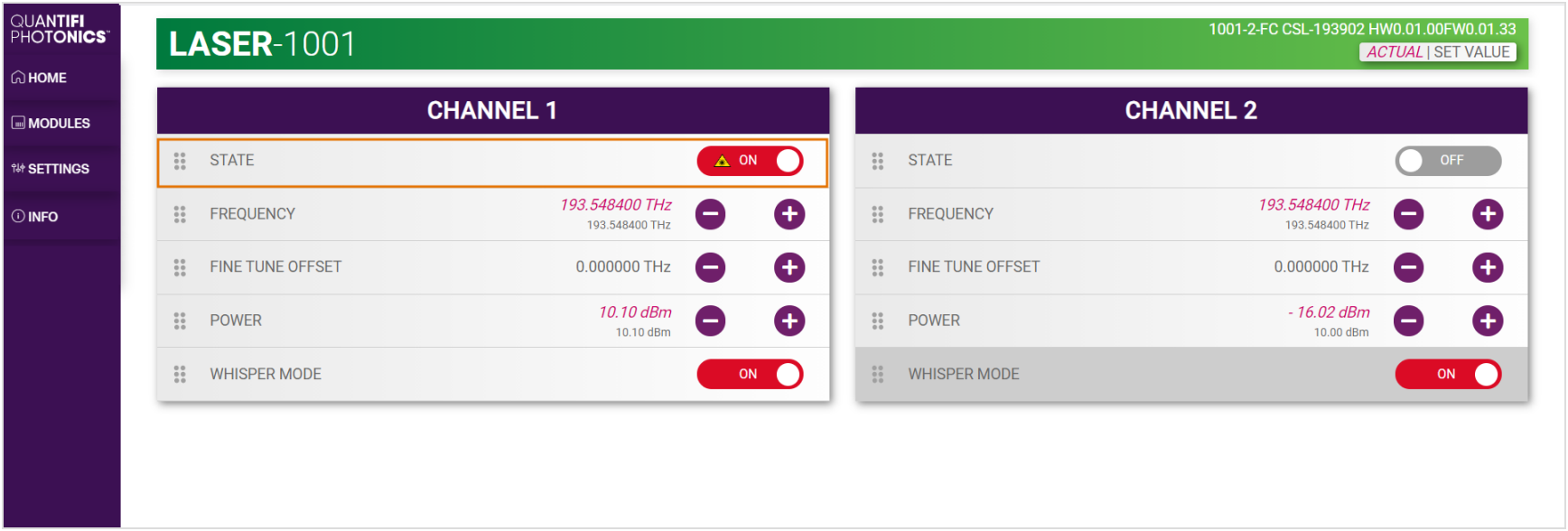
Note that after setting the desired output power and clicking the tick mark, the displayed POWER value will be the ACTUAL power value. The set value is stored in memory and is applied when the laser STATE is toggled ON.

8.2 Toggling the laser ON/OFF

To toggle the laser in a specific channel of the product **ON** or **OFF**, click the **STATE** button.

In the example below, the laser in CHANNEL 1 has been set to 193.5484 THz, 10.1 dBm of output power and STATE has been toggled ON.

After toggling the STATE button from OFF to ON, the Laser product will take up to 30 seconds to stabilise its power and frequency. CohesionUI will be unresponsive during this time.



8.3 Tuning the LASER product

The product allows the user to tune the laser to any spectral set point in the operational range of the laser. The user can operate in either FREQUENCY (Hz) or WAVELENGTH (nm) units.

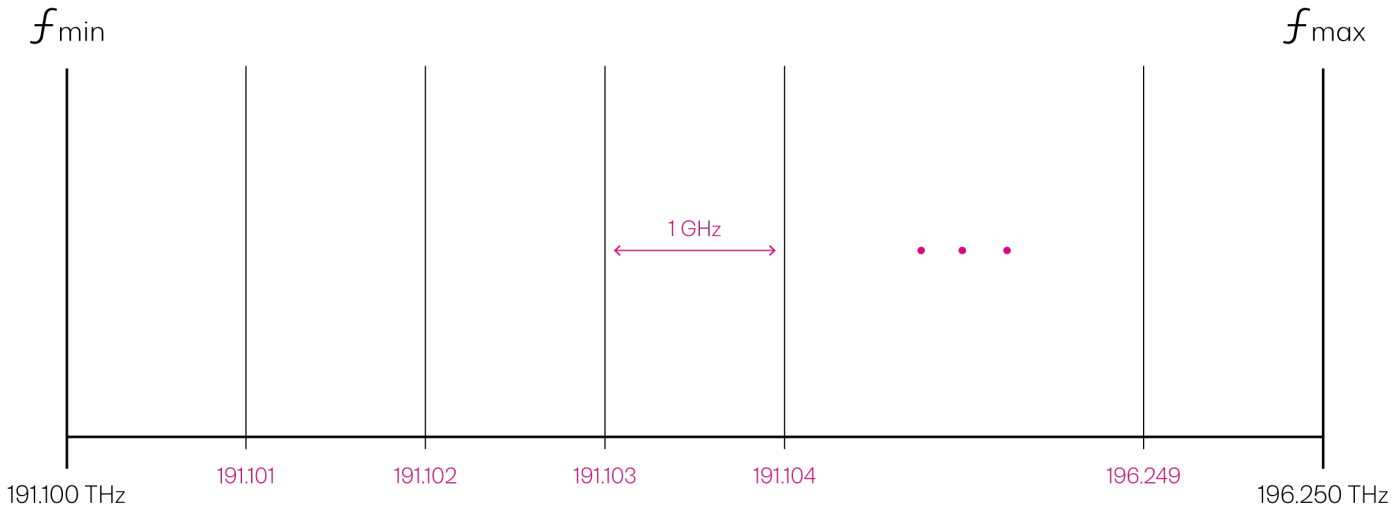
Tuning can be realized through the following commands. Refer to the SCPI command section for specific information about the listed commands.

Commands	Description
`SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency/?`	Set / query the laser output frequency value, with 1 MHz resolution.
`SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency:FINE/?`	Set / query the fine tune laser output frequency up to +/- 6 GHz around the closest GRID point, with 1 MHz resolution.
`SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WAVelength/?`	Set / query the laser output wavelength value, with 0.01 pm resolution.

All lasers with firmware versions equal to or higher than 1.30 will support full spectral tunability down to the minimum resolution of 1 MHz/ 0.01 pm. Older versions only support full tuning down to the 1 MHz / 0.01 pm resolution with the separate FREQUENCY and FREQUENCY:FINE commands.

8.3.1 Grid setting and Min & Max frequency values

The default state of the laser is to operate in frequency (Hz) mode. The entire frequency operation range of the laser can be divided up into a **GRID**. Each **GRID point** is spaced apart by an equal amount, called the **GRID spacing**.



The user can set this GRID spacing using the `:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:GRID/?` command, between the values of 100 MHz and 50 GHz.

Each model will have a MIN and MAX frequency value, which defines its operation range. For example MIN and MAX frequency values of 191.1 THz (1527.605 nm) and 196.25 THz (1568.773 nm), respectively. If the user were then to set a GRID spacing of 1 GHz, then the frequency grid would be as shown in the below image.

The general rule for the set of valid frequency GRID points is: F_MIN + [GRID x [N + 1]], where GRID = GRID spacing set by user, N >= 1

Whenever a user sets the frequency to an intended value, the instrument will use the defined GRID to first set the laser to the closest value (GRID point) on the frequency grid. If there is still an offset between the user intended frequency value and the GRID point, then a FINE TUNE OFFSET will be applied to move the laser to, or as close to the user intended value. This is due to the +/- 6 GHz tunability range of the FINE TUNE OFFSET, meaning that there could be regions where the laser is not able to tune to (refer to Frequency Fine tuning for more information).

8.3.2 Frequency tuning

The user can directly set a frequency value down to 1 MHz precision using the `:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency/?` command. If the intended value is above the minimum resolution of 1 MHz, then the value will be directly set. If the intended value is specified to below the minimum resolution, then the outstanding value will be truncated (highlighted below in red).

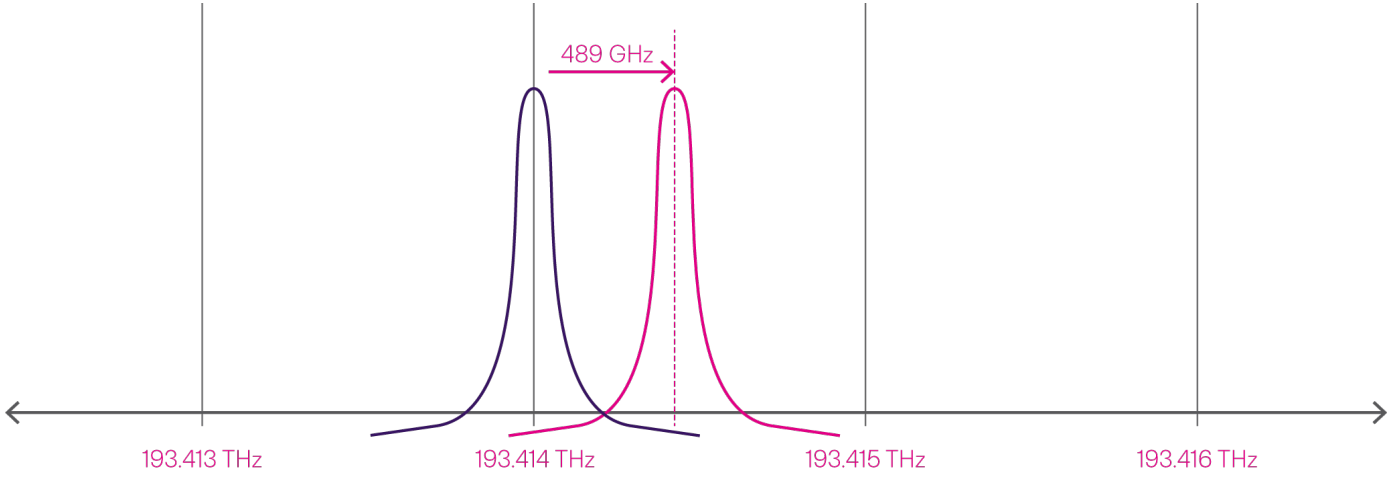
Intended user frequency value	Accepted frequency value	Applied frequency value
193.41448 THz	193.4144800 THz	193.414480 THz
193.4144890 THz	193.414489 THz	193.414489 THz
193.41448905 THz	193.414489 THz	193.414489 THz
193.000000055 THz	193.000000 THz	193.000000 THz

The table below details the intended vs. the actual set of values for a variety of these examples. Note that the GRID spacing is set to 1 GHz for the following examples.

Intended user frequency value	Command	Current GRID value	Actual set frequency value
193.414 THz	`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ 193.414 THz`	193.414 THz	193.414000 THz
193.42501 THz	`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ 193.42501 THz`	193.425 THz	193.425010 THz
193.414489 THz	`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ 193.414489 THz`	193.414 THz	193.414489 THz
193.4144895 THz	`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ 193.4144895 THz`	193.414 THz	193.414489 THz
193.4000001 THz	`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ 193.4000001 THz`	193.400 THz	193.400000 THz

An important point to note is that when a frequency value is specified by the user, if the value lies in between any two adjacent GRID points, and can be tuned to, it will tune up from the lower GRID point value. The laser will never tune down from a GRID point value to reach the final point.

In the example below, the user sets the output frequency to 193.414489 THz, with a GRID spacing of 1 GHz. The laser first tunes to the closest GRID point below the intended frequency value (193.414 THz), and then uses FINE TUNE OFFSET to fine tune by 489 MHz up to the final set point.

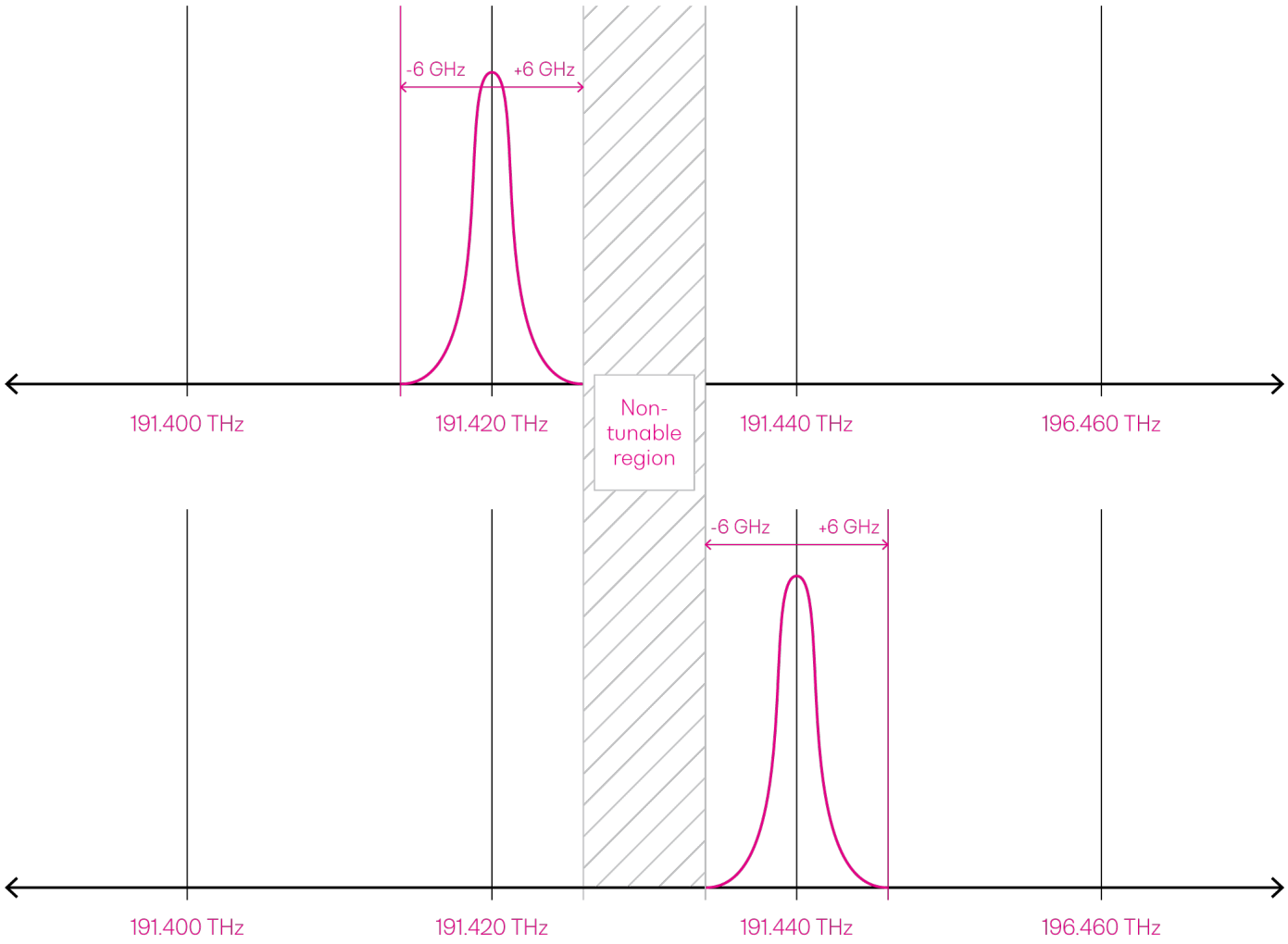


8.3.3 Frequency Fine tuning

Another option a user has is to use the FREQUENCY:FINE tuning functionality to tune the laser by +/- 6 GHz around the set GRID point value.

Commands	Description
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:GRID 1 GHz`	
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ 193.414489 THz`	
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ:FINE? -> 489 MHz`	Query the frequency fine setting.
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ:FINE 50 MHz`	Fine tune the frequency by +50 MHz from the current GRID point (193.414 THz).
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ? -> 193.414050 THz`	Query the current frequency setting.

One thing to note is that if the GRID spacing has been set to a value larger than 6 GHz, then there will be a range of values that sit between adjacent frequency grid points which will be impossible to tune to, using the FINE tuning functionality. In the example below, the GRID spacing has been set to 20 GHz, meaning that between any two adjacent GRID points, there lies an 8 GHz region that is non-accessible. If tunability is a primary concern, it is suggested that the user set the GRID spacing to be <= 6 GHz.

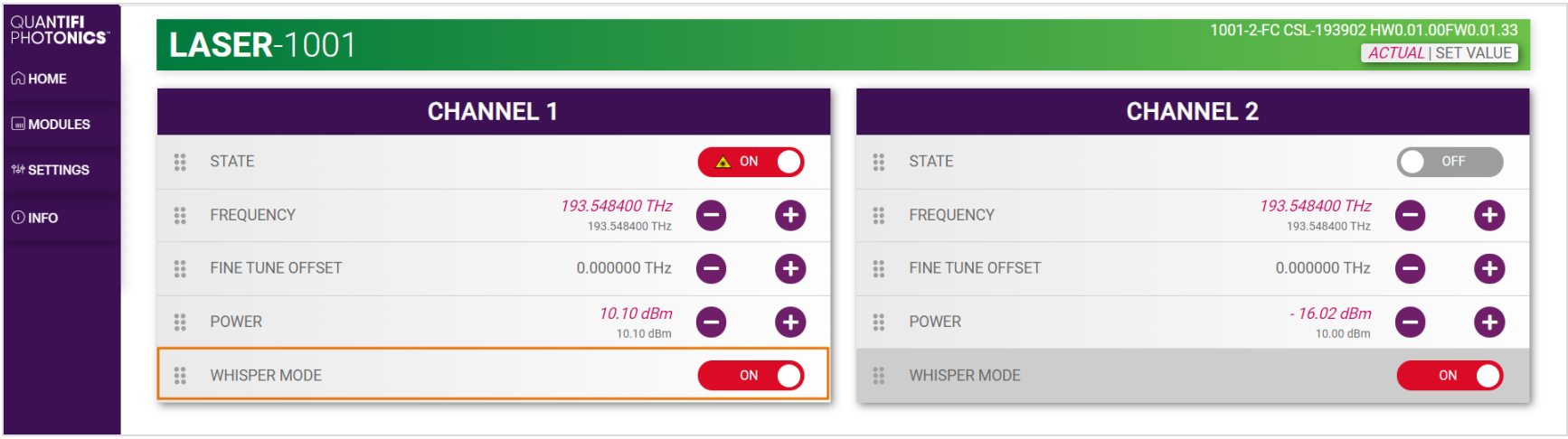

-6 GHz
+6 GHz
191.400 THz
191.420 THz
Non-tunable region
191.440 THz
196.460 THz
-6 GHz
+6 GHz
191.400 THz
191.420 THz
191.440 THz
196.460 THz

8.4 Toggling Whisper mode ON/OFF

The LASER 1000 Series product uses a frequency dither to allow the laser to tune the output frequency to the user set value. The LASER 1000 Series is able to tune and maintain the set frequency value by using a small frequency dither, which is part of the wavelength locking mechanism.

With the LASER-105X models, the user is able to turn off the frequency dither, with the Whisper mode functionality. Toggling the Whisper mode ON or OFF can be realized through CohesionUI or by the following command. Refer to the SCPI commands section for specific information about the listed command.

Commands	Description
`:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WHISper/?`	Set / query the whisper mode state of the laser.



8.4.1 Laser frequency dither and Whisper control

In order to tune to and lock on a specific frequency (wavelength), the laser uses a small frequency dither. The spectral magnitude of this dither is 48 MHz, at a dither rate of 888 Hz. With a laser that has Whisper mode functionality, a user has the ability to turn off this frequency dither after the set frequency has been tuned to and locked.

Even after a frequency set value has been tuned to, and locked onto, the frequency dither is still active, to ensure that the laser does not drift. If a customer wishes to use the laser without this frequency dither, it is recommended that the Whisper mode is only turned on for a few minutes, since the laser will drift with time, due to the environmental factors like ambient temperature.

It is important to note that the Whisper mode state is inversely mapped to the dither status of the laser.

Whisper mode state	Frequency dither status	Command
ON	Frequency dither is OFF	`:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WHISper ON`
OFF	Frequency dither is ON	`:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WHISper OFF`

In the following example, a user first sets an intended frequency value. After that, the user then turns on the Whisper mode to allow them to conduct their testing. Once the testing has been completed, the user can turn off the Whisper mode.

Commands	Description
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:GRID 10 GHZ`	
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ 193.414489 THZ`	
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:WHIS? -> OFF`	Query the Whisper mode state of the laser.
`:OUTP1:CHAN1:STATE ON`	Enable the laser.
`:SLOT1:OPC?`	Check that the laser OPC is returning 1, and that the laser frequency has been locked to the intended set value.
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ:LOCK? -> TRUE`	
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:WHIS ON`	Now that the laser has been locked and is stable, turn on the Whisper mode.
`:SOUR1:CHAN1:WHIS? -> ON`	Query the Whisper mode state of the laser.

Regardless of the laser output state, if any changes to the POWER, FREQUENCY or WAVELENGTH are made, the Whisper mode will be automatically turned OFF. This is because the laser requires the frequency dither to apply any of these changes, so it will automatically turn Whisper mode OFF, so that the user's changes can be applied.

9 Controlling your LASER with SCPI commands

Remote communication with the CohesionSCPI service is achieved through the Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI).

Support for VISA I/O API over TCP/IP is provided by the VXI-11 compliant CohesionSCPI service. With VISA communication drivers installed on the client, the implementation of VISA programming within environments such as MATLAB becomes available.

This section details the programming and measurement conventions to follow while executing the commands for the CohesionSCPI service.

NOTE

In NI-MAX a RIO interface will show up, however there are no communication methods available or implemented on this interface. Quantifi Photonics products are **ONLY** accessible through the **VISA TCPIP INSTR** interface provided by the CohesionSCPI service installed on the system.

9.1 Overview

You can operate your Quantifi Photonics instrument using SCPI commands.

For details on available SCPI commands, refer to:

- Command summary
- Command descriptions

9.2 Programming conventions

This section details the programming and measurement conventions to follow while executing the commands for the CohesionSCPI service.

Parameter	Default Unit	Alternative Units
Power	DBM	DBM
Frequency	HZ	THZ, GHZ, MHZ, KHZ
Frequency Fine	HZ	THZ, GHZ, MHZ, KHZ
Wavelength	M	NM, PM

Argument	Data Format
`<wsp>`	Specifies whitespace character (01_{16} – 09_{16}, $0B_{16}$ – 20_{16})
`<value>`	Is numerical data, an integer, a decimal, exponential (10e-9 or 5.8e6) or string
`[VALUE1 | VALUE2]`	A parameter choice. The '|' separates the unique parameters available, only one of the choices can be used. In the example, either the input parameter `[VALUE1]` or `[VALUE2]` can be used, but not both. Some commands may have more than two choices available. This parameter can be omitted where the command has a default defined in the command description.

9.2.1 Index addressing of modules (slot, source) and units (channel)

When executing commands, it is almost always necessary to provide the index of a specific module or an index of a specific installed unit.

For the commands that require index values:

Index	Description	Value
`<n>`		integer `1`
`<m>`	the channel index of a specific unit in the module	integer `<1` to `4>`

Message queues

Information is exchanged in the form of messages. These messages are held in input and output queues.

The output queue stores responses to query commands. The CohesionSCPI service transmits any data in the output queue when a read request is received. Unless specified, all output response data is transmitted in ASCII format.

9.3 Status and event registers

9.3.1 Standard Event Status Register

The Standard Event Status Register (SESR) is modified by the Quantifi Photonics product with the results of the command operations.

Bit	Description
7 (MSB), 6	Not used
5	Is set when a Command Error event has been detected
4	Is set when a command Execution Error has been detected
3	Is set when a Device Dependent Error event has been detected
2	Is set when there a Query Error event has been detected
1	Not used
0 (LSB)	Is set when an Operation Complete event has been generated

9.3.2 Standard Event Status Enable Register (Mask)

The Standard Event Status Enable Register (SESR Mask) is used to build the Event Status Bit (ESB) within the Status Byte Register (STB). To ignore any of the events detected and set in the SESR, set the corresponding bit within the SESR Mask to 0. The STB can then be queried and the value of the ESB can be used to determine service request requirements based on the SESR Mask applied.

NOTE

The 0 (LSB) value within the SESR Mask is 0.

9.3.3 Status Byte Register

The Status Byte Register (STB) is built from all other status registers and masks. This register can be used in queries to determine if an event has been detected and where that event has been detected.

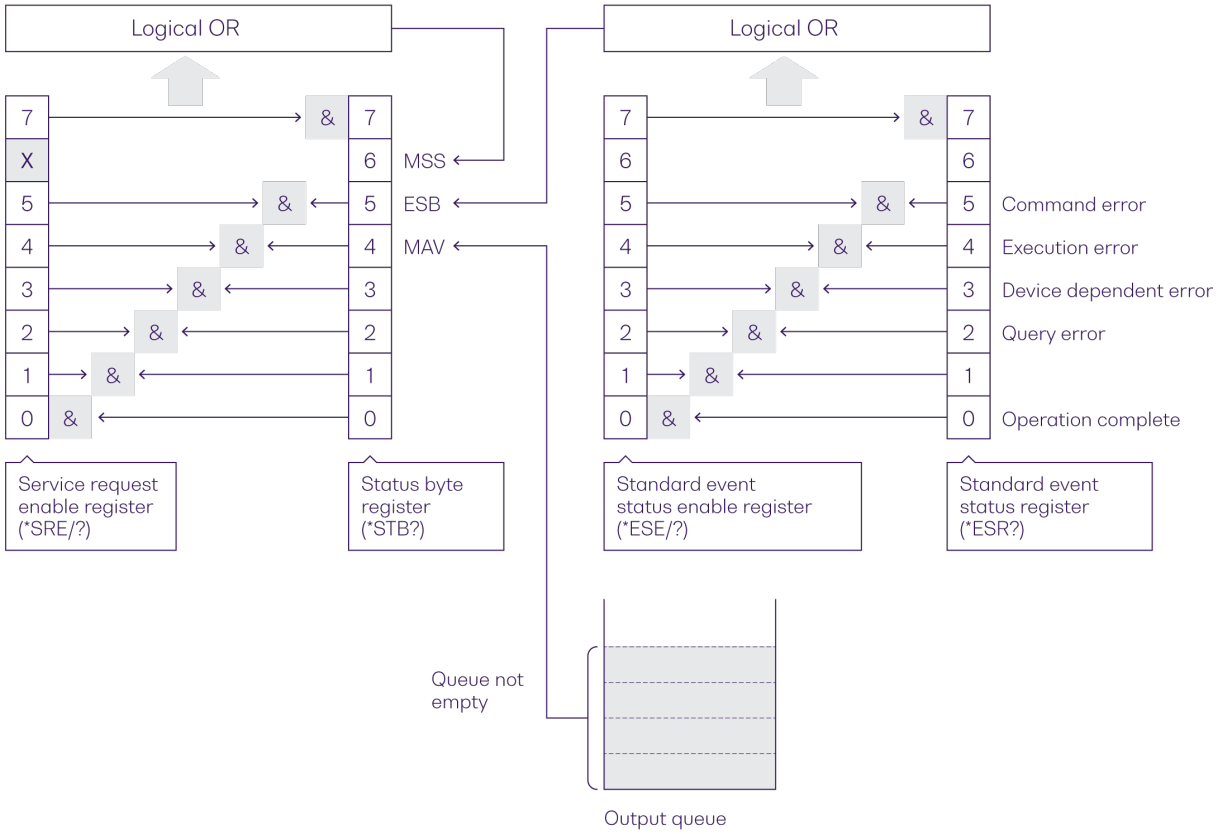
Bit	Description
7 (MSB)	Not used
6	The Master Summary Status (MSS) bit is set from the STB and SRE Mask
5	The Event Status Bit (ESB) is set from the SESR and the SESR Mask
4	Message Available (MAV) is set when there is data in the output queue
3, 2, 1, 0 (LSB)	Not used

9.3.4 Service Request Enable Register (Mask)

The Standard Request Enable Register (SRE Mask) is used to build the Master Summary Status Bit (MSS) within the Status Byte Register (STB). To ignore any of the events detected and set in the STB register itself, set the corresponding bit within the SRE Mask to 0. The STB can then be queried and the value of the MSS can be used to determine the type of service request required based on the SRE Mask applied.

Bit	Description
7 (MSB)	Not used
6	The Master Summary Status (MSS) bit is set from the STB and SRE Mask
5	The Event Status Bit (ESB) is set from the SESR and the SESR Mask
4	Message Available (MAV) is set when there is data in the output queue
3, 2, 1, 0 (LSB)	Not used

9.3.5 Status and event registers diagram



9.4 Command summary

9.4.1 Common commands

Command	Description
`*CLS`	Clear session message queues >>
`*IDN?`	Query the CohesionSCPI service identification >>
`*OPC?`	Query the Operation Complete Status >>
`*OPT?`	Query the modules managed by the CohesionSCPI service >>
`*ESR?`	Query the Standard Event Status Register >>

9.4.2 System commands

Command	Description
`:SYSTEM`	
`:PRESet`	Restore instrument settings to power-on default values >>

9.4.3 Slot commands

Slot commands	Description
`:SLOT<n>`	
`:OPC?`	Query the Operation Complete Status of the module >>
`:OPTions?`	Query installed modules >>
`:IDN?`	Query the module identification >>
`:PRESet`	Restore instrument settings to power-on default values >>

9.4.4 Configuration commands

Configuration commands	Description
`:OUTPut<n>`	
`:CHANnel<m>`	
`:STATE?`	Query the optical output state of the laser >>
`:STATE`	Set the optical output state of the laser >>
`:SOURce<n>`	
`:CHANnel<m>`	
`:POWer?`	Query the laser output power >>
`:POWer`	Set the laser output power >>
`:WAVelength?`	Query the laser wavelength >>
`:WAVelength`	Set the laser wavelength >>
`:FREQuency?`	Query the laser frequency >>
`:FREQuency`	Set the laser frequency >>
`:FINE?`	Query the fine tune laser output frequency up to +/- 6 GHz around the closest GRID point, with 1 MHz resolution >>
`:FINE`	Set the fine tune laser output frequency up to +/- 6 GHz around the closest GRID point, with 1 MHz resolution >>
`:GRID?`	Query the grid spacing >>
`:GRID`	Set the grid spacing >>
`:WHISper?`	Query the Whisper mode state of the laser >>
`:WHISper`	Set the Whisper mode state of the laser >>
`:TEMPerature?`	Query the laser temperature >>

9.5 Command descriptions

9.5.1 Common commands

Command	**`*CLS`** Summary >>
Syntax	`*CLS`
Description	Clear session message queues
Parameters	N/A
Response	N/A
Example	`*CLS`

Command	**`*IDN?`** Summary >>
Syntax	`*IDN?`
Description	Query the CohesionSCPI service identification
Parameters	N/A
Response	Comma separated string with the <manufacturer>,<server name>,<chassis controller name>,<server version>
Example	`*IDN? -> Quantifi Photonics Ltd,CohesionSCPI,ARCTURUS,SW3.02.11.00`

Command	**`*OPC?`** Summary >>
Syntax	`*OPC?`
Description	Query the Operation Complete Status
Parameters	
Response	**`1`**: ready to execute commands
	`0`: commands to execute are still in the input queue
	NOTE: Any commands sent to the module when `:MODUle:OPC?` is NOT equal `1`, may not execute or return an error.
Example	`*OPC? -> 1`

Command	**`*OPT?`** Summary >>
Syntax	`*OPT?`
Description	Query the modules managed by the CohesionSCPI service
Parameters	N/A
Response	Comma separated string of the installed modules in the chassis
Example	`*OPT? -> ,LASER-2001-1-FA-PXIE,SWITCH-1003-1-FC-PXIE,,VOA-1001-2-FA-PXIE,,,,O2E-1001-1-FC-PXIE,,,,,,,,`

Command	**`*ESR?`**			Summary >>
Syntax	`*ESR?`			
Description	Query the Standard Event Status Register			
Parameters	N/A			
Response	Unsigned integer 8 bit value for the register <0 to 255>, as a string.			
	Bit	Description	Decimal Value	
	7 (MSB)	Not used	0	
	6	Not used	0	
	5	Command error	32	
	4	Command Execution Error	16	
	3	Device Dependent Error	8	
	2	Not used	0	
	1	Not used	0	
	0 (LSB)	Operation Complete	1	
Example	`*ESR? -> 8` `*ESR? -> 32`			

NOTE

It is recommended to use the `*ESR?` command query after every command that is sent to the device. The `*ESR?` query will be able to catch:

- **Device dependent Error** – the device is reporting an error in operation.
- **Execution Error** – SCPI was unable to execute the given command.
- **Command Error** – SCPI was unable to parse the given command, likely due to an incorrect command.

9.5.2 System commands

Command	**`:SYSTEM:PRESet`**	Summary >>
Syntax	`:SYSTEM:PRESet`	
Description	Restore instrument settings to power-on default values Sets laser output/state to `OFF`.	
Parameters	N/A	
Response	N/A	
Example	`:SYSTEM:PRES`	

9.5.3 Slot commands

Command	**:SLOT<n>:OPC?**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SLOT<n>:OPC?	
Description	Query the Operation Complete Status of the module	
Parameters	N/A	
Response	**1**: the module is ready to accept a new command	
	0: the module is busy performing a previous operation	
	NOTE: Any commands sent to the module when :SLOT:OPC? is NOT 1, may not execute or return an error.	
Description	:SLOT1:OPC? -> 1	

Command	**:SLOT<n>:OPTions?**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SLOT<n>:OPTions?	
Description	Query installed modules	
Parameters	N/A	
Response	A comma separated array, or a single integer value based on the arguments given	
Example	:SLOT1:OPT? -> 1,1,,	

Command	**:SLOT<n>:IDN?**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SLOT<n>:IDN?	
Description	Query the module identification	
Parameters	N/A	
Response	A comma-separated string containing "<manufacturer>,<model name>,<serial number>,<hardware version><firmware version>". Note that the hardware and firmware versions are not comma separated.	
Example	:SLOT1:IDN? -> Quantifi Photonics,LaserPXIe-1002-2-FA,QP-192001,HW1.0FW1.021,QP-000000,HW0.00.01FW0.00.01	

Command	**:SLOT<n>:PRESet**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SLOT<n>:PRESet	
Description	Restore instrument settings to power-on default values Sets laser output/state to OFF.	
Parameters	N/A	
Response	N/A	
Example	:SLOT1:PRES	

9.5.4 Configuration Commands

Command	**:OUTPut<n>:CHANnel<m>:STATE?**	Summary >>
Syntax	:OUTPut<n>:CHANnel<m>:STATE?	
Description	Query the optical output state of the laser	
Parameters	N/A	
Response	Returns the current output state of the laser	
Example	:OUTP1:CHAN1:STATE? -> ON	

NOTE

If the laser STATE is ON while setting POWer, WAVelength, FREQuency or FREQuency:FINE, there will be a minimal non-stable output generated during the transition to the new value when the configuration commands are executed.

It is recommended that the **:SLOT<n>:OPC?** command is run after setting any one of these parameters, to ensure the module is ready for the next operation.

Command	**:OUTPut<n>:CHANnel<m>:STATE**	Summary >>
Syntax	:OUTPut<n>:CHANnel<m>:STATE<wsp>[ON|OFF]	
Description	Set the optical output state of the laser	
Parameters	**ON**: Enable the laser output	
	OFF: Disable the laser output	
Response	N/A	
Example	:OUTP1:CHAN1:STATE ON	

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:POWer?**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:POWer?<wsp>[MIN|MAX|DEF|SET|ACT|ALL]	
Description	Query the laser output power	
Parameters	**MIN**: Returns the minimum programmable value	
	MAX: Returns the maximum programmable value	
	DEF: Returns the default value	
	SET: Returns the desired set value	
	ACT: Returns the current value (default)	
	ALL: Returns all of the above parameters	
Response	A single value, or a comma-separated array of values	
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:POW? -> 13.00 :SOUR1:CHAN1:POW? MAX -> 15.00 :SOUR1:CHAN1:POW? ALL -> 10.00,15.00,10.00,13.00,13.00	

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:POWer**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:POWer<wsp><value>	
Description	Set the laser output power	
Parameters	**<value>**: A valid numerical value which is in the range between the MIN and MAX power values	
Response	N/A	
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:POW 13.00	

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WAVelength?**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WAVelength?<wsp>[MIN|MAX|DEF|SET|ACT|ALL]	
Description	Query the laser wavelength	
Parameters	**MIN**: Returns the minimum programmable value	
	MAX: Returns the maximum programmable value	
	DEF: Returns the default value	
	SET: Returns the set (default) value	
	ACT: Returns the actual value of the SET wavelength	
	ALL: Returns all of the above parameters	
Response	A single value, or a comma-separated array of values	
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:WAV? -> 1.550116e-06 :SOUR1:CHAN1:WAV? MAX -> 1.568773e-06 :SOUR1:CHAN1:WAV? ALL -> 1.527605e-06,1.568773e-06,1.548928e-06,1.550000e-06,1.550116e-06	

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WAVelength**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WAVelength<wsp><value>	
Description	Set the laser wavelength	
Parameters	**<value>**: A valid numerical value which is in the range between the MIN and MAX wavelength values	
Response	N/A	
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:WAV 1.550000e-06	

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency?**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency?<wsp>[MIN|MAX|DEF|SET|ACT|LOCK|ALL]	
Description	Query the laser frequency	
Parameters	**MIN**: Returns the minimum programmable value	
	MAX: Returns the maximum programmable value	
	DEF: Returns the default value	
	SET: Returns the set (default) value	
	ACT: Returns the actual value of the SET wavelength	
	LOCK: Queries whether the laser is currently at the SET frequency	
	ALL: Returns all of the above parameters	
Response	A single value, or a comma-separated array of values The LOCK parameter will return as TRUE or FALSE.	
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ? -> 1.92000000e+14 :SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ? MAX -> 1.96249984e+14 :SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ? ALL -> 1.91099960e+14,1.96249984e+14,1.93548387e+14,1.92000000e+14,1.92000000e+14,FALSE	

NOTE

You may use the **:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency? ACT** command to get the actual operating frequency of the laser, which includes the channel frequency as well as the fine-tuned frequency.

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency<wsp><value>	
Description	Set the laser frequency	
Parameters	**<value>**: A valid numerical value which is in the range between the MIN and MAX frequency values	
Response	N/A	
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ 1.92e+14	

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency:FINE?** Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency:FINE?<wsp>[MIN|MAX|DEF|SET|ALL]
Description	Query the fine tune laser output frequency up to +/- 6 GHz around the closest GRID point, with 1 MHz resolution
Parameters	**MIN**: Returns the minimum programmable value
	MAX: Returns the maximum programmable value
	DEF: Returns the default value
	SET: Returns the set (default) value
	ALL: Returns all of the above parameters
Response	A single value, or a comma-separated array of values
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ:FINE? ALL -> -6.00000000e+09,6.00000000e+09,0.00000000e+00,2.00000000e+06

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency:FINE** Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency:FINE<wsp><value>
Description	Set the fine tune laser output frequency up to +/- 6 GHz around the closest GRID point, with 1 MHz resolution
Parameters	**<value>**: A valid numerical value in the frequency fine tuning range. Fine tuning can increase or decrease the frequency (positive or negative value). Valid range is from -6 GHz to 6 GHz in 1 MHz increments as detailed in the specifications.
Response	N/A
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:FREQ:FINE 2e+06

NOTE

The Laser STATE must always be set to **OFF** before attempting to change the GRID spacing.

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:GRID?** Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:?GID?<wsp>[MIN|MAX|DEF|SET|ALL]
Description	Query the grid spacing
Parameters	**MIN**: Returns the minimum programmable value
	MAX: Returns the maximum programmable value
	DEF: Returns the default value
	SET: Returns the set (default) value
	ALL: Returns all of the above parameters
Response	A single value, or a comma-separated array of values
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:GRID? SET -> 2.50000000e+09

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:GRID**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:FREQuency:GRID<wsp><value>	
Description	Set the grid spacing	
Parameters	**<value>**: The channel grid spacing within the specification range given by the MIN and MAX grid values.	
Response	N/A	
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:GRID 2.5e+09	

NOTE

- Whisper mode functionality is only available on the 105X models of the Laser 1000 Series.
- When a Whisper mode control command is issued, the module will be non-responsive for a short period of time (up to 5 seconds). Only the :SLOT<n>:OPC? command will execute during this period, all other commands will return an error, or time out. During this time, the front panel LED will blink rapidly, before returning to normal operation.
- When the Whisper mode state is set to ON, if either a POWer, FREQuency, or FREQuency:FINE adjustment is made, the Whisper mode control will automatically be switched OFF for these changes to take effect. The same timeout period as mentioned above will apply.
- Before turning Whisper mode control ON, ensure that the :SOUR<n>:CHAN<m>:FREQ? LOCK or :SOUR<n>:CHAN<m>:WAV? LOCK return True, and that the ACT power of the laser matches the SET power.

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WHISper?**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WHISper?	
Description	Query the Whisper mode state of the laser	
Parameters	N/A	
Response	The current Whisper mode state of the laser	
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:WHIS? -> ON	

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WHISper**	Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:WHISper<wsp>[ON|OFF]	
Description	Set the Whisper mode state of the laser	
Parameters	**ON**: Enable the Whisper mode functionality on the laser	
	OFF: Disable the Whisper mode functionality on the laser	
Response	N/A	
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:WHIS ON	

Command	**:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:TEMPerature?** Summary >>
Syntax	:SOURce<n>:CHANnel<m>:TEMPerature?
Description	Query the laser temperature
Parameters	N/A
Response	Temperature in Celsius
Example	:SOUR1:CHAN1:TEMP? -> 49.99000168

9.6 Programming examples

The following is a simple example of how to control the LASER 1000 Series using SCPI commands. See the previous section for specific details and extra parameters that the listed commands accept.

We recommend that you use the `*ESR?` query after every command that is sent to the device. This enables you to debug unreceived or incorrect commands sent to the product.

```
#Identifying the LASER product
:*IDN?                                      #Query to confirm the correct instrument is setup
:*OPT?                                      #Query the available instrument module configuration
:SLOT1:IDN?                                 #Query the identification information for a specific module

#Configurig the LASER product
:SOURce1:CHANnel1:POWer 10 DBM              #Set the laser output power to 10 dBm
:SOURce1:CHANnel1:FREQuency 193.4145 THZ    #Set the Laser frequency to 193.4145 THz (1550 nm)
:OUTPut1:CHANnel1:STATE ON                  #Turn the laser ON

#Querying the Laser product configuration values
:SOURce1:CHANnel1:POWer?                    #Query the laser actual power
:SOURce1:CHANnel1:FREQuency?                #Query the laser set frequency

#Using the FREQuency:FINE command to tune the Laser product
:SOURce1:CHANnel1:FREQuency:FINE +1.0 MHZ   #Fine tune the Laser by -1 MHz (-0.01 pm) around the set frequency
:SOURce1:CHANnel1:FREQuency:FINE?           #Query the Laser set fine tune frequency
```

After setting the Laser STATE to ON, **allow 30 seconds for the laser power and frequency to stabilize and reach the set point.** Any POWER or FREQUENCY (WAVELENGTH) queries during this time may return incorrect information.

9.7 SCPI Command Console

The SCPI Command Console enables you to communicate with Quantifi Photonics product via SCPI commands. You can easily test commands and verify their syntax.

For available SCPI commands, refer to the user manual of the Quantifi Photonics product you are communicating with.

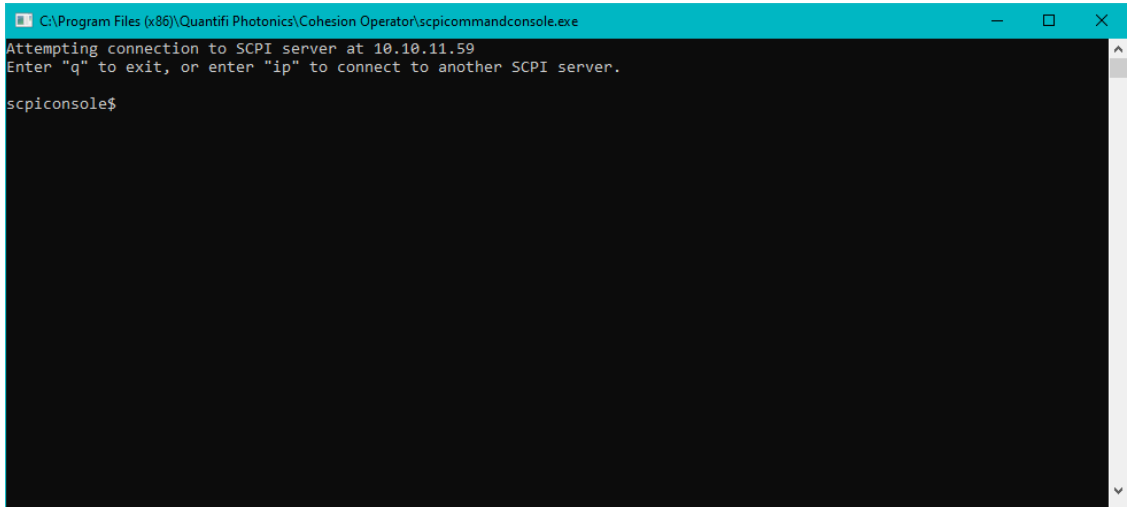
The two most common error codes are:

17: IO writer error: The command was invalid or not accepted by the instrument.

15: IO timeout: there was no response available before expiry of the reading wait time.

▶ To open the SCPI Command Console:

- Open the Cohesion Operator, for example by double-clicking the **Cohesion Operator** desktop icon.
- Select the instrument by entering its **IP address** or by selecting it from the **Discovery** drop down list.
- Click **Open SCPI Command Console**.



1. To verify that you are communicating with the right device:

- Enter `*idn?` and press **<ENTER>**.
- The device will return identification details.

2. To switch to another Quantifi Photonics device:

- Enter `ip` and press **<ENTER>**.
- Enter the IP address of the Quantifi Photonics product you would like to switch to and press **<ENTER>**.
- Confirm that you are communicating with the right product: Enter `*idn?` and press **<ENTER>**.

  The device will return identification details

3. To send a command or query to a Quantifi Photonics device:

- Enter a command and press **<ENTER>**.
- The device will execute the command and return an action response to the console if applicable.

4. To exit the SCPI Command Console:

- Enter `q` and press **<ENTER>**.

Example: Send instrument identification query *idn?

5. Enter the command: `*idn?`

   The instrument returns the requested information.

6. If you enter the command incorrectly, for example: `*ind?`

   The instrument returns **error code 32**.

   For details on error codes, please refer to the `*ESR?`command.

```
scpiconsole$ *idn?
Quantifi Photonics Ltd,BERT-1101-4-MTRQ,CSL-000000,HW0.00.00SW3.01.16
scpiconsole$ *ind?
*ESR? -> 32
scpiconsole$
```

Example: Send a WRITE only command

7. If you enter a command correctly, for example: `*cls`

   The instrument executes the command, there will be no action response.

8. If you enter a command incorrectly, for example: `*csl`

   The instrument returns **error code 17: IO write error**.

```
scpiconsole$ *cls
scpiconsole$ *csl
17: IO write error
scpiconsole$
```

10 Programming examples and applications

Remote communication with the CohesionSCPI service is achieved through the Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI).

Support for VISA I/O API over TCP/IP is provided by the VXI-11 compliant CohesionSCPI service. With VISA communication drivers installed on the client, the implementation of VISA programming within environments such as MATLAB becomes available.

This section details the programming and measurement conventions to follow while executing the commands for the CohesionSCPI service.

NOTE

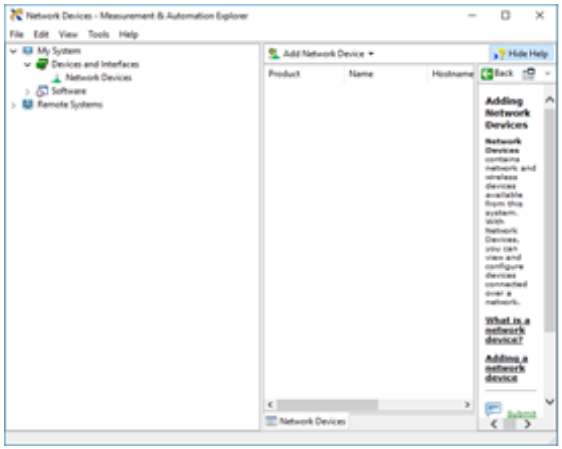
In NI-MAX a RIO interface will show up, however there are no communication methods available or implemented on this interface. Quantifi Photonics products are **ONLY** accessible through the **VISA TCPIP INSTR** interface provided by the CohesionSCPI service installed on the system.

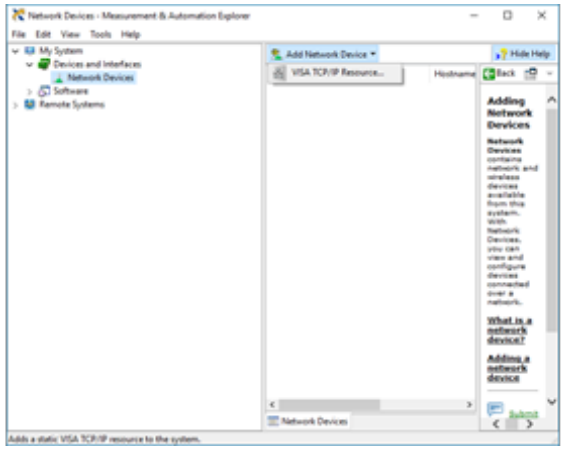
10.1 Setting up NI-MAX application

To communicate with any Quantifi Photonics product, the chassis / benchtop product must first be setup as a TCP/IP instrument.

1. After installing NI-MAX, launch the application. In the left side panel of the window, click the **Devices and Interfaces** option. A drop down of available instruments detected will show up.

2. Click on **Network Devices**, then click **Add Network Devices** and select **VISA TCP/IP Resource**.



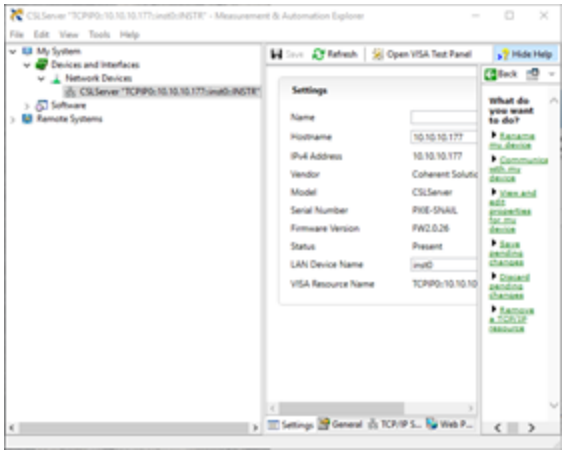


3. Select **Manual Entry of LAN Instrument**. Enter in the Hostname or IP Address.
   Note when operating locally, enter in the localhost IP address of **127.0.0.1**. Click **Finish** to end the setup process.

10.2 Setting up NI-VISA application

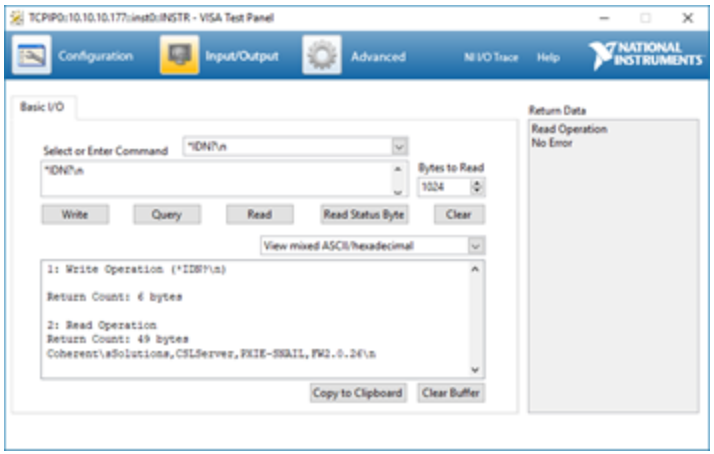
NI-VISA is used to communicate with the PXIe chassis or installed modules / instruments. The above steps must be completed before attempting to communicate using NI-VISA.

1. Launch NI-MAX. In the left-hand side menu, select an instrument from the **Network Devices** list.



2. On the right-hand side panel, select **Open VISA Test Panel**. A new window will popup. Click the **Input / Output** button from the window menu.

   Valid chassis and module commands can be entered in, and their returns queried



10.3 Python® code example

The following example shows how to communicate with the Quantifi Photonics product using Python code.

```python
# You can get VXI11 from pip:
# pip install python-vxi11==0.9
import vxi11
from vxi11.vxi11 import Vxi11Exception
# replace this with the IP of your device
ip = "127.0.0.1"
try:
    print("connecting to " + ip + " ... ")
    instrument = vxi11.Instrument(ip)
    print("connected")
    print("checking IDN...")
    command = "*IDN?"
    data = instrument.ask(command)
    print("IDN: " + data)
    print("checking OPT...")
    command = "*OPT?"
    data = instrument.ask(command)
    print("OPT: " + data)
    # replace this with a valid command for your device (read # the programming guide section for examples)
    command = ""
    print("writing a specific command")
    instrument.write(command)
    print("checking ESR")
    command = "*ESR?"
    data = instrument.ask(command)
    print("*ESR?: " + data)
except Vxi11Exception as e:
    # pass
    print("ERROR" + str(e) + ", command: " + str(command))
```

10.4 MATLAB® code example

To communicate with the Quantifi Photonics product in MATLAB® the installation of a VISA IO driver is required. These drivers enable the creation of the Interface Object for instrument communication.

If developing locally on the PXIE Platform, then these will already be installed. However, if development is on a remotely connected system the VISA Libraries, e.g. National Instruments NI-VISA will have to be installed.

NOTE

MATLAB 2010x or later with the Instrument Control Toolbox is required to execute the code detailed in this section.

The following example shows how to communicate with a Quantifi Photonics product using MATLAB code.

```
% Find a VISA-TCPIP object. This is if the VISA object has already been
% created with tmtool or has been removed from the workspace without
% first being closed (cleanly disconnected).
PXIE_Chassis = instrfind('Type', 'visa-tcpip', ...
'RsrcName', 'TCPIP0::10.10.10.89::inst0::INSTR', 'Tag', '');
% Create the ‘agilent’ VISA-TCPIP object if it does not exist
% otherwise use the object that was found.
if isempty(PXIE_Chassis)
    PXIE_Chassis = visa('agilent', 'TCPIP0::10.10.10.89::inst0::INSTR');
else
    fclose(PXIE_Chassis);
    PXIE_Chassis = PXIE_Chassis (1);
end
% Open the connection to the VISA object.
fopen(PXIE_Chassis);
% Query the PXIE_Chassis.
response = query(PXIE_Chassis, '*IDN?');
disp('The *IDN query response:');
disp(response);
response = query(PXIE_Chassis, '*OPT?');
disp('The *OPT query response:');
disp(response);
% Replace this with a valid command for your device (read the programming
% guide section for examples)
command = ''
% Close the connection to the object.
```

11 Working with optical fibers

Quantifi Photonics products are equipped with high quality optical connectors in compliance with EIA-455-21A standards.

CAUTION

Keep connectors clean and in good condition to ensure maximum power and to avoid erroneous readings. Quantifi Photonics is not responsible for damage or errors caused by bad fiber cleaning or handling.

- Always inspect fiber end faces for cleanliness using a fiber inspection probe before inserting them into a port..
- If required, clean fibers and faces as detailed below.

NOTE

- To avoid damaging ferrules or fiber faces due to mismatched connectors, always check ports and connector type information before inserting a connector. All Quantifi Photonics units are labeled with connector type information.
- Failing to align and/or connect fiber-optic cables properly will result in significant signal loss and reflection.

▶ When connecting a fiber-optic cable to a port:

1. Visually inspect the fiber end face using a fiber inspection microscope.
2. If a **connector end face** is dirty:
    - Wipe the connector end face using a reel-type cleaner and inspect again.
    - For stubborn hard to clean connectors:
        - Use lint-free fiber-cleaning wipes soaked in a fiber optic cleaning solution.
        - Wipe the connector on the soaked part.
        - Dry the connector by wiping on the dry part of the wipe, or by using a reel-type cleaner.
    - Repeat the process until connector inspection shows a clean fiber face.
3. If a **bulkhead inner connector face** is dirty:
    - Use a pen-type dry cleaner, align the cleaning tip with the port and push the cleaner until you hear the characteristic click. Inspect again.
    - For stubborn hard to clean bulkhead connectors:
        - Use a stick-type cleaner dipped in a fiber optic cleaning solution.
        - Carefully align and insert the stick into the connector and gently rotate the stick for several seconds applying light pressure.
        - Use a pen-type cleaner to dry the connector.
    - Repeat the process until connector inspection shows a clean fiber face.
4. If the fiber end face is clean:
    - Carefully align the connector and port to prevent the fiber end from touching the outside of the port or other surfaces. If the connector features a key, mate it correctly into the corresponding notch of the port bulkhead.

- Push the connector in so that the fiber-optic cable is firmly in place with adequate contact. If your connector features a screw sleeve, tighten the connector to firmly maintain the fiber in place. Do not over-tighten, as this will dam-age the fiber and the port bulkhead.

12 System requirements

Quantifi Photonics PXIe modules

Supported browsers for working with CohesionUI	Google Chrome™ Microsoft Edge®
Chassis	PXIe-compatible chassis that • supports PXIe, or • contains PXI hybrid compatible slots
Recommended PXIe controller operating system	Microsoft Windows® 10 (64-bit)

Quantifi Photonics MATRIQ / EPIQ instruments

Supported browsers for working with CohesionUI	Google Chrome™ Microsoft Edge®
Recommended client computer operating system	Microsoft Windows® 10 (64-bit)

13 Maintenance

To help ensure long, trouble-free operation:

- Always inspect fiber-optic connectors before using them and clean them if necessary.
- Keep the unit free of dust.
- Store the unit at room temperature in a clean and dry area. Keep the unit out of direct sunlight.
- Avoid high humidity or significant temperature fluctuations.
- Avoid unnecessary shocks and vibrations.
- If any liquids are spilled on or into the unit, power off the chassis immediately. Remove the unit and allow to dry completely.
- To allow for sufficient air flow and avoid thermal issues, set up your instrument with a minimum clearance of 2 inches (50.8mm) around it and do not block any ventilation fans.

WARNING

The use of controls, adjustments, and procedures other than those specified herein may result in exposure to hazardous situations or impair the protection provided by this unit.

13.1 Annual calibration schedule

To ensure that the unit is performing within specification, we recommend it is re-calibrated every 12 months.

All Quantifi Photonics products are calibrated during manufacture, and each product is shipped to the customer with a Calibration Certificate. On this certificate, the calibration date, as well as the next calibration due date are mentioned.

We recommend your product is returned for re-calibration before the listed due date, to ensure continued performance of the product. For re-calibration service information, or to send in a product for re-calibration service, email support@quantifiphotonics.com.

If the Calibration Certificate has been misplaced, or the calibration due date is not known, email support@quantifiphotonics.com.

14 Technical Support

14.1 Contacting the Technical Support Group

To obtain after-sales service or technical support for this product, contact Quantifi Photonics:

support@quantifiphotonics.com

To accelerate the process, please provide information such as the name and the serial number of the product (see the product identification label), as well as a description of your problem.

14.2 Transportation

Maintain a temperature range within specifications when transporting the unit.

Transportation damage can occur from improper handling.

The following steps are recommended to minimize the possibility of damage:

- Pack the product in its original packing material when shipping. If the original packaging is unavailable, use appropriate foam packaging to provide shock absorption and avoid displacement of the product inside the shipping box. Please keep all input connectors covered with the supplied anti-static plastic covers during transport and avoid any shipping material making contact with the sensitive connectors of the product.
- Avoid high humidity or large temperature fluctuations.
- Keep the product out of direct sunlight.
- Avoid unnecessary shocks and vibrations.

15 Warranty Information

15.1 General information

Quantifi Photonics Ltd (Quantifi Photonics) warrants from the date of the original shipment (the Warranty Period) that this product will conform to specifications and will be free from defects in material and workmanship for the applicable Warranty Period. Quantifi Photonics also warrants that the equipment will meet applicable specifications under normal use.

NOTE

The warranty can become null and void if:

- The unit has been tampered with, repaired, or worked upon by unauthorized individuals or non-Quantifi Photonics personnel.
- The warranty sticker has been removed.
- The unit has been opened, other than as explained in this guide.
- The unit serial number has been altered, erased, or removed.
- The unit has been misused, neglected, or damaged by accident.
- The unit has been used with an external power supply not supplied by Quantifi Photonics with the unit.

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For full warranty terms and conditions, please visit quantifiphotonics.com.

15.2 Liability

Quantifi Photonics shall not be liable for damages resulting from the use of the product, nor shall be responsible for any failure in the performance of other items to which the product is connected or the operation of any system of which the product may be a part.

Quantifi Photonics shall not be liable for damages resulting from improper usage, transportation or unauthorized modification of the product, its accompanying accessories and software.

The external power supply that has been supplied by Quantifi Photonics with the unit can only be used with that unit, do not use it with any other product.

15.3 Exclusions

Quantifi Photonics reserves the right to make changes in the design or construction of any of its products at any time without incurring obligation to make any changes whatsoever on units purchased. Accessories, including but not limited to fuses, pilot lamps, batteries and universal interfaces (EUI) used with Quantifi Photonics products are not covered by this warranty.

This warranty excludes failure resulting from: Improper use or installation, normal wear and tear, accident, abuse, neglect, fire, water, lightning or other acts of nature, causes external to the product or other factors beyond the control of Quantifi Photonics.

15.4 Certification

Quantifi Photonics certifies that this equipment met its published specifications at the time of shipment from the factory.

15.5 Service and repairs

To send any equipment for service, repair or calibration please contact the Technical Support Group: support@quantifiphotonics.com.

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