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a) improvement of calibration procedure and calibration traceability;
b) improvement of fibre shaker description and requirements;
c) addition of pulsed light sources;
d) removal of a poorly traceable calibration process using a micro positioner.

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61280 specifies how to measure the encircled flux of a multimode light source. Encircled flux is a fraction of the cumulative output power to the total output power as a function of radial distance from the centre of the multimode optical fibre's core.

The basic approach is to collect two-dimensional (2D) nearfield data, using a calibrated camera, and to mathematically convert the 2D data into three normalized functions of radial distance from the fibre's optical centre. The three functions are intensity, incremental flux, and encircled flux. The intensity represents optical power per surface area (in watts per square meter). The incremental flux represents optical power per radius differential (in watts per meter), and the encircled flux represents a fraction of the cumulative output power to the total output power.

These three radial functions are intended to characterize fibre optic laser sources either for use in mathematical models predicting the minimum guaranteed length of a communications link, or to qualify a light source to measure insertion loss in multimode links.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61280 establishes the characterization process of the encircled flux measurement method of light sources intended to be used with multimode fibre.

This document sets forth a procedure for the collection of two-dimensional fibre optic nearfield greyscale data and subsequent reduction to one-dimensional data expressed as a set of three sampled parametric functions of radius from the fibre's optical centre.

Estimation of the fibre core diameter is not an objective of this document.

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3.1
calibration light source
light source used to find the optical centre of a multimode fibre

3.2
centroid image
image used to determine the optical centre of the multimode fibre core

3.3
corrected image
image which has had a dark image subtracted from it and whose elements have had uniformity correction applied