

Fiber Array Characterization

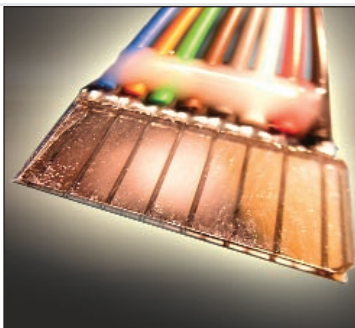
FAST ACE

High Accuracy Array Characterization

Palomar Technologies FAST™ ACE is a turnkey automation platform for high accuracy, high throughput core-to-core measurement and characterization of fiber arrays.

KEY FEATURES

- ▶ **Active measurement** of actual optical center, spatially accurate to $\pm 0.15\mu\text{m}$
- ▶ **Accurate** cleave angle measurement
- ▶ **Programmable fiber count** and array pitch for instant reconfiguration
- ▶ **Multi-axis positioner** with long travel and fine resolution for precise alignments
- ▶ **Integrated control** of motion, vision, power meter, and peripherals for fully automated device characterization
- ▶ **User-friendly** data analysis software tools for easy device characterization and measurement



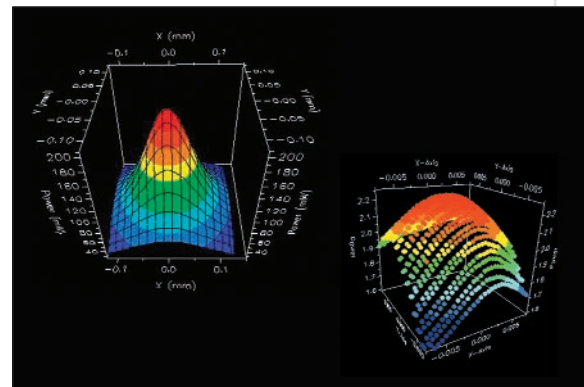
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- ▶ Fiber array certification, quality check, and sorting
- ▶ Fiber array characterization and mapping

Perform Array Inspection and Mapping Accurately and Quickly —Verify the quality of arrays, predict final device performance

WHY CHOOSE THE PALOMAR TECHNOLOGIES FAST™ ACE?

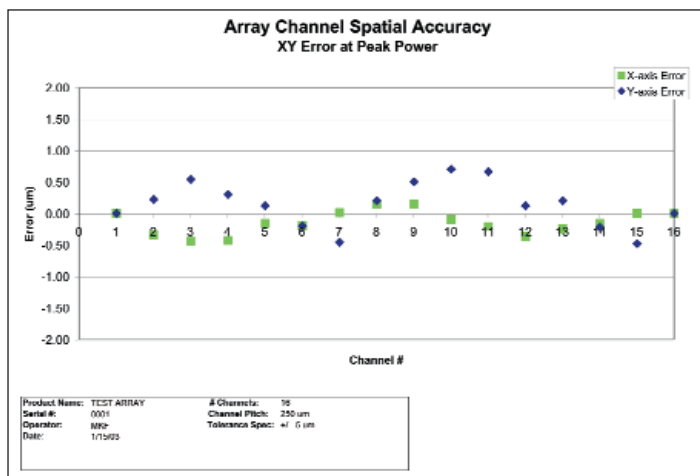
- ▶ Quick-load fixturing and long travel stages for fast load / unload of devices under test
- ▶ Testing protocol simulates final assembly for close correlation to actual usage
- ▶ Production-grade construction and non-contact drive system ensure long-term, reliable operation in lab or manufacturing environments
- ▶ Open-architecture PC bus-based control system is powerful and easy to use
- ▶ Turnkey solutions of proven, tested, standard processes bring manufacturing online quickly
- ▶ Advanced Process & Photonics Labs available to assist in new device process development
- ▶ Worldwide applications and service support.



▶ **Optical Align:** FAST ACE performs an active alignment simulating actual device usage.

CORE-TO-CORE MEASUREMENT

- ▶ A calibration report is automatically generated of array performance on a per-channel basis.
- ▶ Active optical alignment to each channel accurately determines true optical center
- ▶ Less susceptible to pointing error than vision based systems
- ▶ Channel error mode reports XY displacement of each channel for accurate spatial mapping
- ▶ Insertion loss mode reports power loss of each channel to predict final device performance upon attach to a waveguide.



▶ **Channel Error:** Metrology report for a 16-channel fiber array.