Amplificatori ottici per sistemi WDM

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Amplificatori ottici: a cosa servono ?

- Il guadagno dell'OA compensa le perdite della tratta in fibra
  - Esempio:
    - 25 dB di perdita per ogni tratta
    - inseriti degli amplificatori ottici con 25 dB di guadagno

Amplificatori ottici

- SOAs (Semiconductor Optical Amplifiers).
- FRAs (Fiber Raman Amplifiers).
- ReDFAs (Rare-earth Doped Fiber Amplifiers).
  - EDFAs (Erbium Doped Fiber Amplifiers).
- Amplets (SOA, FRA; ReDFA)

Lunghezza della tratta

An *Amplifier* for Every Application

WDM, DWDM e CWDM

Fig. 1. Amplification bandwidth of each type of amplifier and loss spectrum of transmission fiber.

Locazione dell'OA lungo la linea

Componenti base di un EDFA (1/2)

- Fibra drogata con Er^{3+} (EDF):
- Laser di pompa:
980 oppure 1480nm.

Componenti base di un EDFA (2/2)

- Componenti passivi:

- WDM (wavelength division multiplexer);

- Isolatori ottici;

- Gain Flattening Filter.

Architettura di un EDFA a singolo stadio (1/2)

Architettura di un EDFA a singolo stadio (2/2)

Architettura di un EDFA a doppio stadio

Guadagno

Parametri di design

- Tipo di fibra drogata:
  - Apertura numerica;
  - Raggio del core e della zona drogata;
  - Profilo dell'indice di rifraz. e del drogante,
  - Concentrazione di drogante.
- Lunghezza della fibra drogata;
- Potenza di pompa;
- Filtro per equalizzare il guadagno.

Esempio (1/3)

90 x 70 x 15 mm

Corning® PureGain™ 1500 Optical Amplifier Series Compact EDFAs with Control Electronics

Key Optical Specifications - Preamplifier

	C-Band Single-channel	L-Band Single-channel	Units
Wavelength Range	1528–1567	1570–1604	nm
Input Power Range	-30 – -10	-30 – -10	dBm
Gain Range	→ 15–30	15–30	dB
Maximum Output Power	5	5	dBm
Noise Figure (Typical), @ $P_{in} = -20$ dBm, $P_{out} = 5$ dBm	5.0	5.8	dB
Noise Figure (Maximum), @ $P_{in} = -20$ dBm, $P_{out} = 5$ dBm	5.5	6.3	dB
Polarization Dependent Gain (Maximum)	0.3	0.3	dB
Polarization Mode Dispersion (Maximum)	0.3	0.3	ps

Esempio (2/3)

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Key Optical Specifications - Booster Amplifier

	C-Band Single- channel	C-Band Gain- flattened	L-Band Single- channel	L-Band Gain- flattened	Units
Wavelength Range	1528–1567	1530–1563	1570–1604	1570–1604	nm
Input Power Range	-10 – +4	-18 – -3	-10 – +4	-21 – -6	dBm
Gain Range	15 – 25	23	13 – 23	23	dB
Maximum Output Power	20	20	17	17	dBm
Gain Flatness (Typical), Peak-to-peak @ 23 dB Gain	N/A	1.0	N/A	1.0	dB
Gain Flatness (Maximum), Peak-to-peak @ 23 dB Gain	N/A	1.5	N/A	1.5	dB
Noise Figure (Typical), @ $P_{in} = -6$ dBm, $P_{out} = 17$ dBm	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	dB
Noise Figure (Maximum), @ $P_{in} = -6$ dBm, $P_{out} = 17$ dBm	5.5	5.5	6.5	6.5	dB
Polarization Dependent Gain (Maximum)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	dB
Polarization Mode Dispersion (Maximum)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	ps

Esempio (3/3)

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Optical Pigtails

	Standard	Optional
Fiber Type	SMF-28®	
Pigtail Material	900 µm	Others available
Pigtail Length	1.1 ± 0.1 m	Other lengths available
Pigtail Colors	Blue (input), Red (output)	Others available
Connector Type	LC	FC, SC, MU, E2000, others
Connector Polish	UPC	APC

Fibre per trasmissione vs fibre speciali

Facciamo un passo indietro....

Come è una fibra per trasmissione o
fibra "standard" ?

SMF28

- 900 μ m Tight Buffer Outer Jacket
- Core Cladding Concentricity <0.8 μ m
- Core Diameter 8.3 μ m Typical
- Zero Dispersion Wavelength 1312nm Typical

Specifications:

- Operating Wavelength: 1260-1600nm
- Mode Field Dia. 1310nm/1550nm: 9.3 μ m /10.5 μ m
- Cladding $\pm$ 1 μ m: 125mm
- Cut-Off Wavelength: <1260nm
- Attenuation @ 1310nm: <0.40dB/km
- Attenuation @ 1550nm: <0.30dB/km

NA: 0.13

Price: **\$575.00** 1000m

Fibre speciali

- Fibre a mantenimento della polarizzazione.
- Fibre a singola polarizzazione.
- Fibre fotosensibili.
- Fibre per la compensazione della dispersione.
- Fibre ad alto salto di indice.
- Fibre drogate con erbio.

Erbium Doped Fiber

- Raggio del core;
- Profilo di indice di rifrazione;
- Apertura numerica;
- Concentrazione di erbio (ioni/m³);
- Vetro ospite (Al-Ge-Er-doped silica);

caratteristiche spettrali.

EDF555 - 1530-1560nm

- Single Mode For Pumping At 980 to 1480nm
- Core Concentricity <0.5mm
- Mode Field Diameter: $7.4\mu\text{m}$ @ 1550nm
- **Core diameter** $4.7\mu\text{m}$, cladding $125\mu\text{m}$,
- Jacket $250\mu\text{m}$
- Cut-Off Wavelength: $910\pm 50\text{nm}$
- **Peak Absorption: 8.7dB/m @ 1530nm**
- **Core Material: $\text{Er}^{3+}\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{GeO}_2/\text{SiO}_2$**
- NA: 0.22
- **PRICE PER METER:**
1 TO 9m: \$67.50
10 TO 49m: \$50.00
50 TO 249m: \$43.50
250 TO 999m: \$36.43

Corning® Er Specialty Fibers

Erbium-Doped Fibers for Use in Optical Amplifiers

Key Optical Specifications for C-band Fibers

	Er 1550C	Er 1550C3	Er 1550C3 LC	RC Er 1550C3
Peak Absorption Range @ 1530 nm	4.0 to 8.0 dB/m	5.0 to 10.0 dB/m	5.0 to 10.0 dB/m	5.0 to 10.0 dB/m
Peak Absorption Range @ 980 nm	≥ 2.5 dB/m	≥ 2.5 dB/m	≥ 3.0 dB/m	≥ 2.5 dB/m
Variation Around Peak Absorption per Batch	≤ ± 1%	≤ ± 1%	≤ ± 1%	≤ ± 1%
Maximum Attenuation @ 1200 nm	≤ 5 dB/km	≤ 15 dB/km	≤ 15 dB/km	≤ 15 dB/km
Cutoff Wavelength	≤ 1300 nm	≤ 1300 nm	≤ 980 nm	≤ 1300 nm
Mode-Field Diameter @ 980 nm	4.15 ± 0.55 μm	3.5 ± 0.2 μm	3.6 ± 0.2 μm	3.5 ± 0.2 μm
Mode-Field Diameter @ 1550 nm	6.25 ± 0.75 μm	5.4 ± 0.4 μm	5.6 ± 0.4 μm	5.4 ± 0.4 μm

Er 1550C

Er 1550C3

Er 1550C3 LC

RC Er 1550C3

Key Geometric Specifications

Cladding Outside Diameter	$125 \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$	$125 \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$	$125 \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$	$80 \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$
Coating Outside Diameter	$245 \pm 10 \mu\text{m}$	$245 \pm 10 \mu\text{m}$	$245 \pm 10 \mu\text{m}$	$165 \pm 10 \mu\text{m}$
Core-to-Cladding Offset	$\leq 0.4 \mu\text{m}$	$\leq 0.4 \mu\text{m}$	$\leq 0.4 \mu\text{m}$	$\leq 0.4 \mu\text{m}$

Performance Characterizations

Operating Temperature Range	- 40°C to 85°C	- 40°C to 85°C	- 40°C to 85°C	- 40°C to 85°C
Numerical Aperture (Typical)	0.21	0.23	0.22	0.23
Proof Test	100 kpsi			
Standard Lengths	100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000 m			
Polarization Mode Dispersion	$\leq 4 \text{ fs/m}$	$\leq 4 \text{ fs/m}$	$\leq 4 \text{ fs/m}$	$\leq 4 \text{ fs/m}$

Er 1550C

Er 1550C3

Er 1550C3 LC

RC Er 1550C3

Typical Splicing Loss

To SMF-28e Optical Fiber	0.10 dB	0.10 dB	0.10 dB	0.13 dB
To Corning HI 1060 FLEX Specialty Fiber	0.05 dB	0.05 dB	0.05 dB	0.10 dB
To Corning HI 980 Specialty Fiber	0.10 dB	0.10 dB	0.10 dB	0.10 dB
To Corning HI 1060 Specialty Fiber	0.10 dB	0.10 dB	0.10 dB	0.10 dB

Typical Gain Shapes for Corning Er 1550C3, Er 1550C3 LC and Er 1550C Specialty Fiber

Splice Loss of Corning Er 1550C3 Specialty Fiber to SMF-28e® Optical Fiber

Key Optical Specifications for L-band Fibers

	Er 1600L3	RC Er 1600L3
Peak Absorption Range @ 1530 nm	18.0 to 29.0 dB/m	18.0 to 29.0 dB/m
Variation Around Peak Absorption per Batch	$\leq \pm 1\%$	$\leq \pm 1\%$
Maximum Attenuation @ 1200 nm	≤ 15 dB/km	≤ 15 dB/km
Cutoff Wavelength	≤ 1400 nm	≤ 1400 nm
Mode-Field Diameter @ 1550 nm	5.5 ± 0.3 μm	5.5 ± 0.3 μm

Key Geometric Specifications

Cladding Outside Diameter	125 ± 1 μm	80 ± 1 μm
Coating Outside Diameter	245 ± 10 μm	165 ± 10 μm
Core-to-cladding Offset	≤ 0.4 μm	≤ 0.4 μm

Spectral Uniformity of Corning Er 1550C3 Specialty Fiber

Representative samples from multiple batches totaling more than 350 km.

Spectral Uniformity of Corning Er 1600L3 Specialty Fiber

Representative samples from multiple batches totaling more than 125 km.

Quali grandezze misurare ? (1/2)

- Sezioni d'urto di assorbimento e di emissione.

oppure

- Coefficienti di assorbimento, di guadagno e il parametro di saturazione intrinseca.

Quali grandezze misurare ? (2/2)

$$\alpha = N_T \Gamma(\lambda) \sigma_a(\lambda)$$

$$g = N_T \Gamma(\lambda) \sigma_e(\lambda)$$

$$\xi = A_{\text{eff}} N_T / \tau$$

α , g e ξ sono direttamente misurabili

$\sigma_a(\lambda)$, $\sigma_e(\lambda)$ non sono direttamente misurabili
ma possono essere ricavate.

Caratterizzazione sperimentale della EDF

Strumentazione base:

- Optical Spectrum Analyzer (OSA);
- Sorgente di luce bianca;
- Tunable Laser.

Optical Spectrum Analyzer (1/3)

Optical Spectrum Analyzer (2/3)

Optical Spectrum Analyzer (2/3)

Misura di assorbimento (1/2)

Tecnica del cut-back:

- $P^{\text{out}}(L_2)$ [dB]
- Taglio un pezzo di fibra $\Delta L = L_2 - L_1$
- $P^{\text{out}}(L_1)$ [dB]
- $A[\text{dB/m}] = (P^{\text{out}}(L_1) - P^{\text{out}}(L_2)) / \Delta L$

Misura di assorbimento (2/2)

Misura di fluorescenza

Misura di guadagno

$$g(\lambda) = [\Delta G(\lambda^*)/L - \alpha(\lambda^*)] F(\lambda)/F(\lambda^*)$$

Assorbimento e Guadagno

Fibra per banda C