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IEC 61290-10-1	- ¹⁾	Optical amplifiers – Test methods Part 10-1: Multichannel parameters - Pulse method using an optical switch and optical spectrum analyzer	EN 61290-10-1	2003 ²⁾
IEC 61290-10-2	- ¹⁾	Part 10-2: Multichannel parameters - Pulse method using a gated optical spectrum analyzer	EN 61290-10-2	2003 ²⁾
IEC 61291-1	- ¹⁾	Optical fibre amplifiers Part 1: Generic specification	EN 61291-1	1998 ²⁾
IEC 61291-4	- ¹⁾	Optical amplifiers Part 4: Multichannel applications - Performance specification template	EN 61291-4	2003 ²⁾

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FOREWORD

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This standard should be read in conjunction with IEC 61291-1 and 61290-3

This bilingual version (2003-06) replaces the English version.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2008-12. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

Each abbreviation introduced in this International Standard is explained in the text at least the first time that it appears. However, for an easier understanding of the whole text, a list of all abbreviations used in this International Standard is given in Annex A.

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OPTICAL AMPLIFIERS – TEST METHODS –

Part 10-3: Multichannel parameters – Probe methods

1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 61290 applies to commercially available optical fibre amplifiers (OFAs) using active fibres containing rare-earth dopants as described in the following.

The object of this international standard is to establish uniform requirements for accurate and reliable measurements of the multichannel gain and noise parameters as defined in IEC 61291-4.

The test methods described in this standard use small-signal probes to obtain the multichannel gain and noise parameters while one or more lasers set the saturation condition for the OFA. These methods are classified as *indirect* in that there is not a laser source at each wavelength of the multichannel plan. Multichannel parameters are estimated from the probe data. IEC 61290-10-1 and IEC 61290-10-2 are test methods for measuring noise parameters using pulse techniques. These methods are *direct* in that the multichannel source is required to have a laser at each wavelength for which multichannel parameters are to be measured.

Probe techniques provide clear advantages for measuring multichannel gain characteristics in that a simple source configuration can provide parameters for a wide range of multichannel plans. Either a small-signal laser or a broadband noise source serves as the probe signal, and single or multiple lasers are used to set the OFA saturation condition. Pulse modulation of the saturating sources may optionally be used to measure ASE at or near the saturating laser wavelengths without the contaminating effect of source spontaneous emission. If pulse modulation is not used, the source spontaneous emission must be measured, and its effect removed from the measured result. For a multichannel source with high spontaneous emission or at high total input power, the source noise subtraction method can lead to large uncertainty.

The probe techniques described herein are indirect in that laser sources are not required at each channel frequency. A measurement error results from inhomogeneous effects that are DUT dependent. The main source of this error is spectral hole burning (see [1]¹ [2] and [4]).

The applicability of pulse modulation of the saturating signal(s) and the selection of the modulation rate are dependent on the optical fibre amplifier's characteristics, specifically its time response. They may be unsuitable for amplifiers with active automatic level control (ALC) or automatic gain control (AGC) circuits. They may also be unsuitable for praseodymium-doped OFAs that have gain relaxation times that are much faster than erbium-doped designs. For erbium-doped fibre amplifiers (EDFAs), inaccuracy due to modulation is generally small. Refer to IEC 61290-10-2 for a discussion of inaccuracy due to pulse repetition rate.

¹ Numbers in brackets refer to the bibliography.