

NRZ Erbium-Doped Fiber Amplifier Test Report

Article Overview

NRZ-modulated signals amplified by EDFAs demonstrate high gain, low noise, and reliable long-haul transmission performance, validated in both WDM and single-channel experiments.

Experimental Overview

NRZ (Non-Return-to-Zero) modulation is widely used in optical communication systems due to its simplicity and high spectral efficiency. EDFAs are employed to boost NRZ signals over long distances without electronic regeneration. In a 16-channel WDM system at 40 Gbps, EDFAs were tested for gain, noise figure, and signal integrity using Optical Spectrum Analyzers (OSA) and pseudo-random bit sequences (PRBS) to simulate realistic traffic conditions, with dispersion compensation fibers (DCF) mitigating chromatic dispersion effects. In a long-haul experiment, 274 EDFAs were deployed over 9000 km of dispersion-shifted fiber for 5 Gb/s NRZ transmission. The system achieved error-free performance, demonstrating the robustness of EDFAs for undersea and transcontinental optical links.

Key Performance Metrics

- o Gain: EDFAs typically provide ~19 dB gain for input powers around 10 dBm, with performance maintained across multiple channels in WDM systems.
- o Noise Figure: Advanced characterization techniques allow accurate measurement of EDFA noise figures, even at low signal levels, ensuring minimal degradation of NRZ signals.
- o Saturation and Linearity: Optimal erbium distribution across the fiber core enhances saturated gain efficiency, critical for high-power NRZ transmission.
- o Radiation Tolerance: For space or harsh environments, Ce-codoped EDFAs show limited gain degradation (~1.5 dB after 900 Gy), and hydrogen pre-loading further improves stability, ensuring reliable NRZ signal amplification under extreme conditions.

System Considerations

- o Dispersion Management: NRZ signals are sensitive to chromatic dispersion; DCFs are used to maintain signal integrity over long distances.
- o WDM Compatibility: EDFAs support multi-channel operation with minimal crosstalk, enabling high-capacity optical networks.
- o Modulation Impact: NRZ modulation benefits from EDFAs' flat gain profile and low noise, maintaining bit-error-rate (BER) performance across long-haul links.

Conclusion

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NRZ EDFAs provide high-gain, low-noise amplification suitable for both terrestrial and submarine optical networks. Experimental results confirm error-free transmission over thousands of kilometers, with advanced fiber designs (e.g., Ce-codoping, hydrogen pre-loading) enhancing reliability in challenging environments. These amplifiers remain a cornerstone of modern optical communication systems, supporting high-speed, multi-channel NRZ data transmission .

To calculate the EDFA gain as well as the forward and backward ASE spectral profiles, we will first consider a specific fiber length of

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