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Rare Earth Doped Fiber Lasers and Amplifiers Elsevier
 Rare-Earth-Doped Fiber Lasers and Amplifiers, Second Edition discusses the essential principles, operating characteristics, and current technology of the main fiber laser and amplifier devices based on rare-earth-doped silica and fluorozirconate fibers. Covering all aspects of this revolutionary technology, the book reviews fiber fabrication methods and the basic spectroscopic properties of rare-earth ions in glasses, concentrates on the most important fiber laser sources, examines several advances in fiber amplifiers, and analyzes new findings and improvements in single-frequency operation, frequency tunability, broadband fiber sources, and blue-green and far-infrared fiber lasers.
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 The lasers wherein the active gain medium is an optical fiber doped with rare-earth elements, such as erbium, neodymium, praseodymium, thulium and holmium, are termed as fiber lasers. The laser light in fiber lasers is both generated and delivered by an inherently flexible medium that allows easier delivery to the focusing location and target. These lasers have active regions several kilometres long in order to provide high optical gain. They exhibit high temperature and vibrational stability and extended lifetime. They play an important part in laser cutting, folding of metals and welding. Most of the topics introduced in this book cover new technology and the applications in this discipline. It brings forth some of the most innovative concepts and elucidates the unexplored aspects of fiber lasers. For all those who are interested in fiber lasers, this book can prove to be an essential guide.

Fiber Amplifiers And Fiber Lasers Springer Nature
 Over the past two decades, the use of fiber lasers in engineering applications has gradually become established as an engineering discipline on its own. The development of fiber lasers is mainly the result of studies from various domains like photonics, optical sensing, fiber optics, nonlinear optics, and telecommunication. Though many excellent books exist on each of these subjects, and several have been written specifically to address lasers and fiber lasers, it is still difficult to find one book where the diverse core of subjects that are central to the study of fiber laser systems are presented in simple and straight forward way. *Fiber Lasers: Fundamentals with MATLAB Modelling*, is an introduction to the fundamentals of fiber lasers. It provides clear explanations of physical concepts supporting the field of fiber lasers. Fiber lasers' characteristics are analyzed theoretically through

simulations derived from numerical models. The authors cover fundamental principles involved in the generation of laser light through both continuous-wave (CW) and pulsing. It also covers experimental configuration and characterization for both CW and Q-switching. The authors describe the simulation of fiber laser systems and propose numerical modelling of various fiber laser schemes. MATLAB® modelling and numerical computational methods are used throughout the book to simulate different fiber laser system configurations. This book will be highly desirable and beneficial for both academics and industry professionals to have ample examples of fiber laser approaches that are well thought out and fully integrated with the subjects covered in the text. This book is written to address these needs.

Applied Rare Earth Spectroscopy for Fiber Laser Optimization

 Springer

This book gives a contemporary overview of the technologies of single-frequency fiber lasers. The development of single-frequency fiber lasers is one of the most significant achievements in the field of laser photonics over the past two decades. Owing to the crucial demands of a laser sources with highly stable single-frequency operation, narrow linewidth, low noise, scalable to high output power, compact and robustness structure, fiber lasers have been intensively studied since its introduction to the single-frequency laser community and they still continuously proceed to trigger the emergence of new technologies and applications. This book systematically demonstrates the single-frequency fiber laser technologies from fundamental principles to state-of-the-art progress. Details of selected typical applications of single-frequency fiber lasers are also given and discussed. The reader will acquire a good knowledge of the current situation within this important field.

Rare-earth-doped Materials and Devices III States Academic Press
 A discussion of the theories, operating characteristics, and current technology of main fiber laser and amplifier devices based on rare-earth-doped silica and fluorozirconate fibers. It describes the principles, designs, and properties of the erbium-doped fiber amplifier and its role as the cornerstone component in optical communication systems. This second edition contains new and revised material reflecting major developments in academia and industry.

Fiber Lasers: Technology and Applications World Scientific
 This invaluable book provides a comprehensive treatment of design and applications of rare-earth-doped fiber amplifiers and fiber lasers. Optical fiber amplifier is an important component for optical communication systems. It has applications as pre-amplifiers, post-amplifiers, and repeater amplifiers in evolving optical networks. Optical fiber amplifiers and fiber lasers are also important for high power industrial applications and sensors. The

applications of fiber amplifiers were first studied in the late 1980's, since then the diversity and scope of such applications have been steadily growing. Fiber Amplifiers and Fiber Lasers is self-contained and unified in presentation. It can be used as an advanced text by graduate students and by practicing engineers. It is also suitable for non-experts who wish to have an overview of fiber amplifiers and fiber lasers. The treatments in the book are detailed enough to capture the interest of curious readers and are complete enough to provide the necessary background to explore the subject further.

Rare-Earth-Doped Fiber Lasers and Amplifiers, Revised and Expanded

 Springer

A comprehensive account of the latest developments and applications in this rapidly developing field, covering a wide range of topics, such as power scaling and short pulse generation, dispersion management and modeling, broadband supercontinuum generation and wavelength tailoring. The book brings together contributions from the world's leading experts at major collaborative research centers throughout Europe, Australia, Russia and the USA. Each chapter presents a tutorial style introduction to the selected topic suitable for scientists, researchers and experts, as well as graduate and postgraduate students with a basic background in optics.

Fiber Lasers

 Academic Press

The goal of this work was to develop and optimize fiber lasers in the visible range, based on Pr³⁺/Yb³⁺-doped fluoride fibers, which delivered their output power in a fiber. Some of the fiber laser setups did not contain any optical free-space device. So time and effort could be spared to adjust these optical devices. Furthermore, using a diode laser instead of the Titanium-Sapphire laser allowed to place all these laser setups in a small box. In the beginning a short overview on the important laser transitions was given, as well as lifetime measurements of the important energy level 1G₄ of praseodymium. Thereafter, I tried to treat the problem to connect fluoride with silica fibers by using a new thermal splicing method. It was shown that low-loss thermal splices are possible. Due to experimental limitations the splice quality was not very reproducible. Therefore, a glue splicing method was developed and found to be more stable and flexible. Moreover, the glue splice with index matching gel was found to be easier to fabricate, but less resistant to high optical power. The glue and thermal splices were employed in a simple fiber laser setup. Different fluoride fibers lengths were compared, as well as different loop mirror reflectivities to obtain maximum output power for the red laser, which was more than 10 mW. About 22 mW was achieved in a linear laser configuration using FC/PC connectors between silica and fluoride fibers. A ring laser was also presented and improved by using an additional mirror, which

was replaced later by a loop mirror. In total, the maximum laser output power was increased to more than 20 mW, and the smallest laser threshold decreased to less than 35 mW. The tunable fiber laser played a significant role in our research, because it can be used in medicine for example by cytology, the study of the properties of single cells. The red and orange spectrum was covered using a 40 cm long Pr³⁺/Yb³⁺-doped ZBLAN fiber. To increase the output power, two active fibers were inserted in one tunable fiber laser setup. The resulting output power was 18 and 9 mW for the red and the orange laser, respectively. Moreover, the setup contained no optical free-space devices except of the grating block. Das Ziel dieser Arbeit war die Entwicklung und Optimierung von Faserlasern, die im sichtbaren Bereich emittieren. In dieser Arbeit konzentriere ich mich auf Pr³⁺/Yb³⁺-dotierte Fluoridglasfasern. Das wichtigste Ziel war es, die gesamte Ausgangsleistung in einer Faser zu liefern. Es spart Zeit und Justieraufwand, Faserlaser ohne optische Komponenten zu bauen. Durch das Ersetzen des Titan-Saphir Lasers durch eine Laserdiode könnte der Laseraufbau in einen Kasten eingebaut werden. Nach einem kurzen Überblick über die wichtigsten Laserübergänge werden Lebensdauermessungen für die Energieniveaus von Praseodym gezeigt. In der Arbeit versuchte ich, die Probleme beim Verbinden von Fluorid- mit Quarzglasfasern mittels einer neuen thermischen Spleißmethode zu lösen. Leider konnten beim thermischen Spleißen keine reproduzierbaren Ergebnisse erzielt werden. Alternativ wurde eine Klebespleißmethode entwickelt. Diese ermöglicht flexible und stabile Verbindungen. Die Verwendung von Immersionsgel führte zu Klebespleißen mit geringer Reflexion, die deutlich einfacher herzustellen waren, als Klebespleiße mit schräg geschnittenen Faserenden. Danach wurden Klebespleiße und thermische Spleiße in einfachen Faserlaseraufbauten eingesetzt. Durch den Vergleich unterschiedlicher Fluoridfaserlängen und Faserspiegelschleifen mit unterschiedlicher Reflektivität konnten Laserleistungen von mehr als 10 mW im roten Spektralbereich erzielt werden. Durch die Verwendung von FC/PC-Steckern zum Verbinden von Fluorid- mit Quarzglasfasern konnten rote Laser mit Ausgangsleistungen von 22 mW erreicht werden. Ringlaser wurden ebenfalls untersucht und durch die Verwendung eines zusätzlichen Spiegels, der später durch eine Faserspiegelschleife ersetzt wurde, verbessert. So konnte die Laserleistung auf mehr als 20 mW erhöht und die Laserschwelle auf weniger als 35 mW abgesenkt werden. Durchstimmbare Laser waren ein weiterer Schwerpunkt meiner Arbeit. Der rote und orange Spektralbereich wurde mit einer 40 cm langen, mit Pr³⁺/Yb³⁺-dotierten ZBLAN-Faser erreicht. Zur Erhöhung der Ausgangsleistung wurden zwei aktive Fasern in einem durchstimmbaren Faserlaseraufbau eingesetzt. Damit stieg die Laserleistung bis etwa 18 mW für den roten bzw. 9 mW für den orangen Laser. Außer dem optischen Gitter enthielt der Aufbau kein Freistrahlelement. Außerdem wurde bei diesem Laser fast die gesamte Ausgangsleistung in einer Faser abgegeben.

Applications of Nonlinear Fiber Optics SPIE-International Society for Optical Engineering

The development of new highly nonlinear fibers - referred to as microstructured fibers, holey fibers and photonic crystal fibers - is the next generation technology for all-optical signal processing and biomedical applications. This new edition has been thoroughly updated to incorporate these key technology developments. The book presents sound coverage of the fundamentals of lightwave technology, along with material on pulse compression techniques and rare-earth-doped fiber amplifiers and lasers. The extensively revised chapters include information on fiber-optic communication systems and the ultrafast signal processing techniques that make use of nonlinear phenomena in optical fibers. New material focuses on the applications of highly nonlinear fibers in areas ranging from wavelength laser tuning and nonlinear spectroscopy to biomedical imaging and frequency metrology. Technologies such as quantum cryptography, quantum computing, and quantum communications are also covered in a new chapter. This book will be an ideal reference for: R&D engineers working on developing next generation optical components; scientists involved with research on fiber amplifiers and lasers; graduate students and researchers working in the fields of optical communications and quantum information. The only book on how to develop nonlinear fiber optic applications Two new chapters on the latest developments; Highly Nonlinear Fibers and Quantum Applications Coverage of biomedical applications

Development of Thulium-Doped Fluoride Fiber Amplifiers SPIE-International Society for Optical Engineering

A fibre laser or fibre laser is a laser in which the active gain medium is an optical fibre doped with rare-earth elements such as erbium, ytterbium, neodymium, dysprosium, praseodymium, and thulium. They are related to doped fibre amplifiers, which provide light amplification without lasing. Fibre nonlinearities, such as stimulated Raman scattering or four-wave mixing can also provide gain and thus serve as gain media for a fibre laser. Applications of fibre lasers include material processing, telecommunications, spectroscopy, and medicine.

Handbook of Laser Micro- and Nano-Engineering Cuvillier Verlag

Laser beam combining techniques allow increasing the power of lasers far beyond what it is possible to obtain from a single conventional laser. One step further, coherent beam combining (CBC) also helps to maintain the very unique properties of the laser emission with respect to its spectral and spatial properties. Such lasers are of major interest for many applications, including industrial, environmental, defense, and scientific applications. Recently, significant progress has been made in coherent beam combining lasers, with a total output power of 100 kW already achieved. Scaling analysis indicates that further increase of output power with excellent beam quality is feasible by using existing state-of-the-art lasers. Thus, the knowledge of coherent beam combining techniques will become crucial for the design of next-generation highpower lasers. The purpose of this book is to present the more recent concepts of coherent beam combining by world leader teams in the field.

Rare-Earth-Doped Fiber Lasers and Amplifiers, Third Edition, Two Volume Set Springer

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Mid-Infrared Fluoride and Chalcogenide Glasses and Fibers CRC Press

The goal of this work was to develop and investigate fiber lasers emitting in the visible spectral range. We concentrated on the improvement of lasers based on Pr³⁺/Yb³⁺-doped fiber. Blue, green, orange and red fiber lasers in different configurations were presented. We started with spectroscopic measurements in which Pr³⁺-doped ZBLAN and IBZP glass samples were investigated. Comparing the position of absorption peaks in both kinds of glasses, no significant differences were noticeable. However, the emission properties of Pr³⁺-doped fluoride glasses are dependent on the glass composition. The knowledge gained from spectroscopic measurements was useful to construct fiber lasers based on the Fabry-Perot configuration. This setup allowed us to obtain lasers emitting at 490 nm, 520 nm, and 635 nm. The greatest efficiency was found for a red laser with 20 mW of output power at a pump power of 500 mW. At the same pump power, the green and blue lasers had an output power of 9.3 mW and 4.8 mW, respectively. During this work, optimization of the laser parameters of the red laser was performed. We found that the optimum pump wavelength is approximately 840 nm, and pump wavelength changes of ± 10 nm cause only a small intensity deviation. The influence of mirror reflectivity and the fiber length was also investigated. Another focus of the measurements was the laser output stability. The red laser exhibited a very low noise level, but the output power from the blue laser was very unstable with strong self-pulsing behavior. For the red and green laser, we applied a noise controlling opto-electronic feedback loop, and we observed some reduction in the noise level. We also tested the long-term stability of our lasers over a period of one hour, and no significant decrease of the output power was observed. There are a number of disadvantages of the Fabry-Perot setup; therefore, we examined alternative approaches for all-fiber laser configurations. We constructed a red ring laser in which bulk mirrors are not required. This setup used directional couplers; therefore, some part of this work was dedicated to the manufacturing of these components. Another important component of the ring laser was glue splice which enabled us to connect silica and fluoride fibers. The optimum performance of the red ring laser was measured with an output coupling of 52 %, and we obtained 8 mW output power at 500 mW pump power. Another way to construct an all-fiber laser setup is fiber loop mirror. A laser with these components was also investigated. Because of the broad fluorescence width of the Pr³⁺ ions, fiber lasers operate in many longitudinal modes. Fiber Bragg gratings have a very narrow reflection bandwidth, and they have been used for narrowing the linewidth of the fiber laser. When a fiber grating was applied, we observed only one longitudinal mode, and the full-width at half-maximum of this laser was only 0.2 nm.

Advances in Fiber Lasers Nova Science Publishers

This research- and application-oriented book covers main topical areas of optical fibers. The selection of the chapters is weighted on technological and application-specific topics, very much a reflection of where research is heading to and what researchers are looking for. Chapters are arranged in a user-friendly format essentially self-contained and with extensive cross-references. They are organized in the following sections: - Optical Fiber

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Erbium-Doped Fiber Amplifier Gain Module Performance and Characteristic Analysis Springer Nature

This invaluable book provides a comprehensive treatment of the design and application of Mode Locked Lasers and Short Pulse Generation. With the advances in semiconductor laser and fiber laser technologies in the 1980s to now, these devices have been made compact, refined, and developed for a wide range of applications including further scientific studies. Semiconductor mode-locked lasers are stable pulse sources and can be made over a range of wavelengths where laser operation is feasible. Rare earth doped fiber lasers or planar waveguides extend this range further and can provide compact pulsed sources. The principles of operation, analysis, design and fabrication of these sources are described. Recent results on high repetition rate and high-power pulse generation from these compact sources are also described, together with current and future directions of application of these types of laser sources. Mode-Locked Lasers: Introduction to Ultrafast Semiconductor and Fiber Lasers is self-contained and unified in presentation. It can be used as an advanced text by graduate students and by practicing engineers. It is also suitable for non-experts who wish to have an overview of mode-locked lasers and pulse generation. The explanations in the book are detailed enough to capture the interest of the curious reader and complete enough to provide the necessary background to explore the subject further.

All-Fiber Fluoride Fiber Lasers John Wiley & Sons

This book covers the fundamental aspects of fiber lasers and fiber amplifiers, and includes a wide range of material from laser physics fundamentals to state-of-the-art topics in this rapidly growing field of quantum electronics. This expanded and updated new edition includes substantial new material on nonlinear frequency conversion and Raman fiber lasers and amplifiers, as well as an expanded list of references inclusive of the recent literature in the field. Emphasis is placed on the nonlinear processes taking place in fiber lasers and amplifiers, their similarities, differences to, and their advantages over other solid-state lasers. The reader will learn the basic principles of solid-state physics and optical spectroscopy of laser active centers in fibers, the main operational laser regimes, and will receive practical recommendations and suggestions on fiber laser research, laser applications, and laser product development. The book will be useful for students, researchers, and professional physicists and engineers who work with lasers in the optical and telecommunications field, as well as those in the chemical and biological industries.

Applications of Nonlinear Fiber Optics SPIE-International Society for Optical Engineering

Applications of Nonlinear Fiber Optics, Third Edition presents sound coverage of the fundamentals of lightwave technology, along with material on pulse compression techniques and rare-earth-doped fiber amplifiers and lasers. The book's chapters include information on fiber-optic communication systems and the ultrafast signal processing techniques that make use of nonlinear phenomena in optical fibers. This book is an ideal reference for R&D engineers working on developing next generation optical components, scientists involved with research on fiber amplifiers and lasers, graduate students, and researchers working in the fields of optical communications and quantum information. Presents the only book on how to develop nonlinear fiber optic applications Describes the latest research on nonlinear fiber optics Demonstrates how nonlinear fiber optics principles are applied in practice

Selected Papers on Rare-earth-doped Fiber Laser Sources and Amplifiers CRC Press

This book gives an overview on mid-infrared optical glass and fibers laser, it cover the underlying principle, historic background, as well as recent advances in materials processing and enhanced properties for rare earth doped luminescence, spectroscopy lasers, or optical nonlinearity applications. It describes in great detail, the preparation of high purity non-oxide IR glass and fibers to be used as mid-IR fiber laser and supercontinuum sources for optical fiber spectroscopy. It will be useful for academics, researchers and engineers in various disciplines who require a broad introduction to the subject and would like to learn more about the state-of-the-art and upcoming trends in mid-infrared fiber source development, particularly for industrial, medical and military applications.

Fiber Amplifiers and Fiber Lasers Woodhead Publishing

Mid-Infrared Fibre Photonics: Glass Materials, Fibre Fabrication

and Processing, Laser Sources and Devices combines the latest glass chemistry, fibre fabrication and post processing techniques to provide a comprehensive reference on the fundamental science and latest research in fibre photonics for the mid-infrared range. The book systematically reviews the key glass materials systems including fluorides, chalcogenides, and oxides. Each materials chapter includes discussion of composition, structure, thermal, optical and mechanical properties, extrinsic and intrinsic loss mechanisms, materials preparation and purification techniques. Then Mid-Infrared Fibre Photonics: Glass Materials, Fibre Fabrication and Processing, Laser Sources and Devices covers the most relevant fabrication, post-processing, and spectroscopy techniques. Fibre sources are also addressed including fibre sources for continuous wave emission, pulsed emission, and broadband emission. The book concludes with a

brief overview of important medical, sensing and defence applications. Systematic coverage of the most relevant materials for mid-infrared fibre photonics including discussion of composition, structure, thermal, optical and mechanical properties, loss mechanisms, materials preparation and purification techniques. Reviews the key fabrication and processing techniques of mid-infrared fibre technologies. Addresses the important medical, sensing and defence applications.

Mode-locked Lasers: Introduction To Ultrafast Semiconductor And Fiber Lasers CRC Press

Erbium Fiber Amplifiers is a comprehensive introduction to the increasingly important topic of optical amplification. Written by three Bell Labs pioneers, the book stresses the importance of the

interrelation of materials properties, optical properties, and systems aspects of optical fiber amplifiers. All disc-based content for this title is now available on the Web. Key Features * Explains the theory of noise in optically amplified systems in an intuitive way * The book contains a discussion of components used in amplifier fabrication and of the attendant technologies used in real systems * The book provides basic tools for amplifier design as well as systems engineering, including the latest developments in WDM and soliton systems * The book discusses the fundamentals of rare earth ions for the reader desiring more depth in the topic * The book is for either the novice or experienced reader * The chapters have links between them to allow the reader to understand the relationship between the amplifier characteristics, noise, and systems applications * The book contains extensive references