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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) document architecture now focuses on EDFA, FRA and SOA;
b) the description of PDFA and TDFA has been moved to the annexes;
c) the EDWA description has been deleted;

d) information on single channel amplification, multi-channel amplification, configuration and control method for EDFA, FRA and SOA has been added;

e) information on future amplifiers, arrayed amplifiers and SDM amplifiers has been added.

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

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Part 3: Classification, characteristics and applications

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61292, which is a Technical Report, establishes the classification of optical amplifiers (OAs). It also includes a brief description of each amplifier, its general properties, performance, configurations and applications.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-731, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 731: Optical fibre communication* (available at www.electropedia.org)

IEC 61291-1, *Optical amplifiers – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC TR 61931, *Fibre optic – Terminology*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-731, IEC 61291-1, IEC TR 61931, and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1.1
erbium-doped fibre amplifier
EDFA
rare earth-doped fibre amplifier, where the core of the fibre is doped with erbium ions

3.1.2
semiconductor optical amplifier
SOA
optical amplifier that uses a semiconductor to provide the gain medium

Note 1 to entry: These amplifiers have a similar structure to Fabry-Pérot laser diodes but with anti-reflection design elements at the end faces. The signal is amplified through the stimulated emission phenomenon of gain medium.

3.1.3
single channel amplifier
optical amplifier amplifying one signal