

Linearity of the Optical Power Meter



Article Overview

Linearity in optical power meters refers to the ability of the meter to provide accurate power readings across its full dynamic range, with minimal deviation from a proportional response.

Understanding Linearity

Linearity is a critical performance parameter for optical power meters (OPMs). It describes how closely the output of the meter corresponds to the actual optical power over a wide range of input powers. A perfectly linear meter would produce readings that are directly proportional to the incident optical power, while deviations indicate nonlinearity, which can introduce measurement errors .

Factors Affecting Linearity

- **Detector Characteristics:** Most OPMs use photodiodes made of silicon (Si), germanium (Ge), or indium gallium arsenide (InGaAs). These detectors are generally linear over several decades of power, but at very low powers, shot noise can dominate, and at high powers, saturation or supralinearity effects may occur .
- **Electronic Gain Circuits:** The amplifier and electronics in the meter can introduce nonlinearity, especially when switching between gain ranges. The total system linearity is a combination of the detector response and the electronics .
- **Wavelength Dependence:** Optical power meters are calibrated for specific wavelengths. The spectral responsivity of the detector can affect linearity if the incident light differs from the calibration wavelength .

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Optical Power Meter Basics

Introduction An optical power meter measures the photon energy in the form of current or voltage from an optical detector such as a

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primarily on these wavelengths. Other optical power meter users (e.g., compact-disc player manufacturers, users of erbium-doped

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