EML Optical Modules for Bulgarian Power System

Overview

Lumentum manufactures indium phosphide (InP) externally-modulated lasers (EMLs) in our internal wafer foundry.

Key Takeaways

EML optical modules offer high-speed, long-distance, and reliable data transmission, making them suitable for Bulgaria's Electricity System Operator (ESO) network upgrades.Overview of EML Technology

Electro-Absorption Modulated Lasers (EMLs) integrate a distributed feedback (DFB) laser and an electro-absorption modulator (EAM) on a single chip, enabling high-speed optical signal generation with minimal distortion and frequency instability . EMLs support data rates exceeding 50 Gbps and are optimized for long-haul and metro networks, providing stable transmission over distances up to 240 km on standard single-mode fiber . Compared to directly modulated lasers (DMLs), EMLs offer better signal quality, longer reach, and higher data rates, though they are more expensive and require careful biasing and thermal management .

Advantages for Power System Networks

For the Bulgarian ESO, which manages the national transmission system and SCADA communications, EML modules provide several benefits:

• High Reliability and Stability: EMLs maintain signal integrity over long distances, crucial for SCADA and control data between substations .

• Low Latency and High Bandwidth: Supports real-time monitoring and control of the power grid, including integration with AI or cloud-based analytics .

• Compact and Energy-Efficient Design: Small form factor modules reduce space and power requirements in network racks .

• Compatibility with Existing Fiber Infrastructure: EML modules can be deployed over ESO's existing fiber network, replacing aging SDH systems with modern MS-OTN solutions for higher bandwidth and flexibility .

Integration Considerations

Deploying EML modules in ESO's network requires attention to:

• Biasing and Current Sensing: EMLs need precise negative voltage biasing (0 V to -3.3 V) for optimal modulation. Current-sense amplifiers like INA190/INA191 can monitor low currents accurately, ensuring stable operation .

• Thermal Management: Heat dissipation is critical; thermal vias, heat sinks, and copper pours in PCB design help maintain performance .

• Network Flexibility: EML modules can support multiple service granularities (SDH, PDH, Ethernet, storage) and integrate with MS-OTN platforms for unified transmission and real-time monitoring .

Practical Deployment in Bulgaria

ESO's network upgrade aims to replace end-of-life SDH equipment with a future-proof optical solution. EML-based modules can serve as the backbone for high-speed SCADA links, metro rings, and inter-substation communication, providing:

• Line rates from 2 Mbit/s to 10 Gbit/s

• Enhanced encryption and security for internal data

• Reduced latency and operational costs through unified optical transport By leveraging EML technology, ESO can ensure reliable, secure, and scalable communication across the Bulgarian power system, supporting both current operational needs and future expansions for smart grid and 5G-enabled applications. In summary, EML optical modules are well-suited for Bulgaria's power system, offering high-speed, long-distance, and reliable optical communication that aligns with ESO's modernization and SCADA network requirements .

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These offerings include EML drivers and even TEC control for improved thermal management. For core power, MPS provides a wide

Do you know the transceiver laser types?

The optical modules of transmission distance within 40km generally use VCSEL, FP lasers; transmission distance ≥

Presentation

Utilizes the electro-optic effect in lithium niobate crystals to modulate light, known for high optical quality and broad transparency

Bulgarian Active Optical Module DML

AITAF provides end-to-end optical communication solutions, structured cabling, ODN, optical modules, fiber testing instruments,

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The tunability of EML allows the flexible selection of different wavelengths in optical communication systems, thereby

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