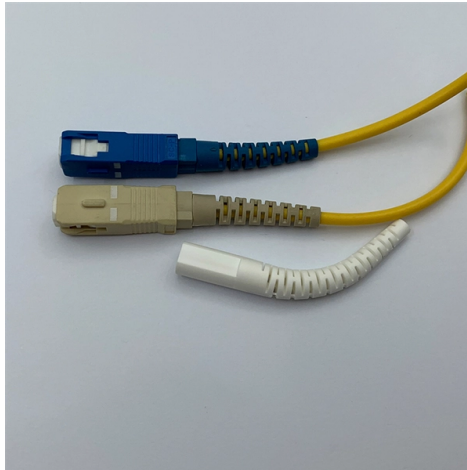


# The role of low-voltage optical power amplifiers



## Overview

Our low-power architecture enables practical on-chip OPAs for next generation quantum and classical photonics. Optical amplification underpins modern photonics, from transcontinental communications to quantum computing. In-line amplifiers: Periodically amplify signal due to fiber attenuation, high G, high  $P_{sat}$ . An illustration of the effective gain is given below. Erbium-doped amplifiers dominate telecommunications but are restricted to specific wavelength bands, while semiconductor amplifiers offer broader. Amplifiers operating under low-voltage and low-power conditions are strongly limited in dynamic range and bandwidth. The maximum dynamic range is limited by the supply power and the thermal noise power in resistors. To obtain the maximum, input and output stages should be able to process signals. In a groundbreaking advancement for the field of photonics, researchers have unveiled an integrated optical parametric amplifier (OPA) built on thin-film lithium niobate that operates at unprecedented low power levels while delivering high gain.



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