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(57)ABSTRACT

A light source includes: a seed light source configured to output incoherent seed light with a predetermined bandwidth; and a booster amplifier that is a semiconductor optical amplifier configured to optically amplify the seed light input from a first facet, and output the amplified seed light as amplified light from a second facet, wherein the first facet and the second facet of the booster amplifier are subjected to a reflection reduction treatment, the booster amplifier is configured to operate in a gain saturated state, and relative intensity noise (RIN) and ripple are simultaneously suppressed in the amplified light.

