

Dispersion Coefficient of Optical Fiber Communication Systems



Article Overview

The coefficient of dispersion quantifies the pulse broadening in an optical fiber, typically expressed in $\text{ps}/(\text{nm}\cdot\text{km})$, and is a key factor limiting high-speed optical transmission.

Definition and Significance

In optical fiber communication, dispersion refers to the spreading of light pulses as they travel through the fiber, which can cause overlapping of adjacent bits and increase the bit error rate (BER) if excessive. The coefficient of dispersion specifically measures the time delay difference per unit wavelength per unit fiber length, indicating how much a pulse broadens due to chromatic effects. It is usually expressed in picoseconds per nanometer per kilometer ($\text{ps}/(\text{nm}\cdot\text{km})$).

Types of Dispersion

- **Chromatic Dispersion (CD):** Caused by the dependence of the fiber's refractive index on wavelength. Different spectral components of a pulse travel at different speeds, leading to pulse broadening. CD is the primary contributor to the coefficient of dispersion in single-mode fibers.
- **Polarization Mode Dispersion (PMD):** Occurs in single-mode fibers due to slight asymmetries, causing different polarizations to propagate at different speeds. PMD is often quantified separately in $\text{ps}/\sqrt{\text{km}}$ but contributes to overall pulse spreading.
- **Material and Waveguide Dispersion:** Material dispersion arises from the wavelength-dependent speed of light in the fiber material, while waveguide dispersion depends...

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