

Transmission Techniques for Ultra Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing By Using Two Optical Amplifiers in Nonlinear Optical Networks

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ABSTRACT

In the present paper, the problem amplification techniques of ultra dense wavelength division multiplexing (UDWDM) in nonlinear optical networks are investigated through five transmission techniques. The impact of tailoring of chirped pulses of different temporal waveforms is investigated in a normal dispersion fiber. The set of multiplexed signals are tailored in a different a subset to assure approximately the same output level of power to hold the signal-to-noise ratio at the same level. Moreover, three different transmission techniques, namely, soliton propagation, maximum time division multiplexing (MTDM) and “Shannon” capacity, are employed where successive section of alternating dispersion are used as a technique to manage the dispersion. Distributed “Raman” amplifiers as well as Erbium doped fiber amplifier are engaged to maximize the repeater spacing. We have succeeded to multiplex 2400 (UDWDM) channels in the optical range 1.45 — 1.65 μm with channel spacing ranging from 0.3 up to 0.6 nm where each channel has its own characteristic parameters of loss, dispersion, and amplification. The channels are divided into sub-groups (each of 4, 5, 6, 7,.....,24) where the technique of space division multiplexing (SDM) is applied. The multispan effects of “Kerr” nonlinearity and amplifier noise on “Shannon” channel capacity of dispersion-free nonlinear fiber is considered as a ceiling value for the sake of comparison. The case of soliton with modified Raman amplification via parametric gain also is investigated. Each link has special chemical structure, optical signals power, and optical Raman pumping. The cable contains {4, 5, 6, 7,.... , 24} links in SDM. It has been shown that the modified Raman gain yields higher effects on the variable under consideration if compared with the conventional Raman gain. The number of links is in positive correlations with the set of effects {Repeater spacing, Soliton product, MTDM product}. In general Shannon product is the ceiling but it undergoes a maximum value at twelve links. The Chirping product also possesses a maximum at 8 links.

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1. Introduction

The propose of a WDM passive optical network (PON) to provide conventional unicast data and downstream multicast function. The proposed scheme is experimentally demonstrated with 1.25 Gb/s downstream unicast, multicast and upstream data [1]

Optical transmission using dispersion managed (DM) transmission line composed of standard (non dispersion shifted) single mode fiber (SMF) and dispersion compensation fiber (DCF) is very important in terms of developing high-speed time division multiplexed (TDM) and WDM systems. Sahara et al. [2] analyzed numerically and in detail a 40 Gbit/s return-to-zero (RZ) transmission system over a transoceanic distance in strongly dispersion managed line composed of standard single-mode fiber (SMF) and DCF [3,4].

WDM which is simply the technique of communicating multiple data streams on separate wavelengths, has emerged as a powerful communications technology. Architectural considerations for deployment of ultra-wideband (1450-1650 nm) WDM networks having a massive number of WDM channels (400-1000) are investigated [5,6,7,8] for MAN /WAN networks.

Distributed Raman Amplification (DRA) is attracting an increasing attention as a key technology to increase the capacity and / or reach of WDM transmissions systems since this can improve the optical signal – to– noise ratio with minimum additional waveform distortion due to nonlinear effects [9,10].

Ho et.al [11] had studied theoretically and experimentally fiber OPAs with a bandwidth on the order of 200 nm. Under these circumstances, the OPA gain significantly overlaps the pump-induced Raman gain, which peaks at about 110 nm from the pump, on the long

wavelength side. It then becomes necessary to study the combined effect of the two separate gain mechanisms.

Ho et.al theoretically investigated the influence of the Raman gain on a broadband fiber OPA. It was found that for a high-gain amplifier, the Raman effect should introduce only a relatively small distortion of the pure OPA gain spectrum in the form of an increase (decreases) on the long (short) wavelength side.

In the present paper, through deep parametrical study, we investigate through two multiplexing techniques (UDWDM and SDM) the transmission of 2400 channels employing five different propagation techniques, namely classical Raman, modified Raman, maximum time division multiplexing, chirped pulses and “Shannon” capacity where the amplification is carried out via the engagement of Raman amplification plus erbium-doped fiber amplifier (EDFA).

2. Basic Model and Analysis

Special type of fiber of low loss over the range 1.2 μm up to 1.65 μm must be used. This fiber dubbed “AllWave” its losses which is depicted in [10] challenge us to think of new ways to fill its generous bandwidth employing the technique of UDWDM. The data of “AllWave” fiber is cast under the form in units of dB/km

$$\sigma(\lambda) = 0.19 + 7.04(\lambda - \lambda_m)^2 + 34.06(\lambda - \lambda_m)^3 + 72.11(\lambda - \lambda_m)^4 + 36.7(\lambda - \lambda_m)^5 \quad (1)$$

with $1.2 \leq \lambda, \mu\text{m} \leq 1.65$, where λ_m is the minimum loss optical wavelength, $\lambda_m = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$

The distance between two successive repeaters is Z_{iR} where it is calculated based on the model of [2,4,12,13], but, taking into account the interaction or cross-coupling effect. As the powers of signal P_s and Raman pumping P_R undergo variations according to:

$$\frac{dP_{si}}{dz} + \sigma_{si} P_{si} = [\alpha P_R + (\beta_1 - \beta_2) P_{si}] P_{si} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dP_R}{dz} + \sigma_R P_R = -\beta_3 P_{si} P_R \quad (3)$$

The solution of these two nonlinear coupled differential equation is given:

$$P_{si}(z) = \left[\frac{P_{sio}(1 + \beta_e)}{1 + \beta_e e^{-K_i}} \right] e^{-\sigma_{si} z} \quad (4)$$

where P_{sio} , β_e , and K_i respectively are:

P_{sio} : is the tailored input power of i-th. Signal,

$$\beta_e = \sum_{i=1}^N (\beta_1 - \beta_2) / \text{No. of channels}$$

$$K_i = k_i (1 - e^{-\sigma_R z})$$

In this situation, $P_{si}(z)$ increases at first due to Raman amplification then, it begins to decrease till its value reaches to the amplified spontaneous emission ASP [2]. At this distance, the signal decreases due to the natural decay to 10^{-3} ASP then EDFA raise the level to ASP again as its gain is 30 dB. Thus Z_{iR} is the distance at which:

$$P_{si}(z_R) = 10^{-3} \text{ ASP} \quad (5)$$

This distance Z_{iR} is employed in the differed processed techniques that compute the system soliton bit rate B_{rsi} of the i-th. channel as follows:

a) The soliton technique:

Z_{iR} has no effect, as we get B_{rsi} a distance-free quantity [3,14] as:

$$\frac{P_{sio}}{B_{rsi}^2} = 59.7 \left(\frac{\lambda_{si}}{1.54} \right)^3 \left(\frac{A_e}{20} \right) \left(\frac{3.2 \times 10^{-20}}{n_2} \right) |D_t| \times 10^6 \quad (6)$$

A_e : is the effective cross section, μm^2

n_2 : is the nonlinear refractive index coefficient, where n_2 (pure silica) is given by $n_2 = 3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ m}^2/\text{Watt}$ while for germania doped silica n_2 is given by:

$$n_2 = 3.2 \times 10^{-19} (1.0 + 2.81294x - 16.6123x^2 + 45.9808x^3) \quad (7)$$

where x is the percentage of Germania in the Germania-doped silica fiber.

$|D_t|$: is the total dispersion coefficient, psec/(km.nm)

b) The maximum time division multiplexing technique (MTDM)

In this technique, the MTDM bit rate of the i-th. channel is B_{rmi} where [14,15]:

$$B_{rmi} = \frac{1}{4\tau_{mi}(\lambda_{si}, Z_{iR}, \tau_{io}, N_o)} \quad (8)$$

where:

τ_{mi} : is the pulse width at distance Z_{iR}/N_o of the i-th. channel

N_o : is the number of successive sections of alternative dispersion

τ_{io} : is the initial pulse width

c) Chirped pulses technique

The pulse width in this technique is reduced due to the initial chirp [13,14,16, 17] as given by:

$$\tau_{csi} / \tau_{cio} = \sqrt{1 + 0.543\mu((z_{iR} + z_o) / N_o)^2} \quad (9)$$

or exactly:

$$\tau_{csi} / \tau_{cio} = \sqrt{1 + 0.543\mu((z_{iR} + z_o) / N_o)^2} - a_o \quad (10)$$

where τ_{csi} and τ_{cio} are respectively the chirped pulse width and the initial pulse width of the i-th. channel. In this technique the initial chirp reduce the total dispersion coefficient and consequently reduces σ_{si} and gives the

chirped bit rate of the i-th. channel B_{rci} as: $B_{rci} = \frac{1}{4\tau_{csi}}$ (11)

d) Shannon Product

Tang [18-22] presented a ceiling value of “Shannon” capacity of multichannels, and multispans dispersion-free nonlinear optical fiber taking into account the effects of multispans, “Kerr” nonlinearity and amplifier noises where “Shannon” capacity is cast as shc, where:

$$shc = BW \text{Log}_2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{C}{N_s^2 N_c k_{ci} (P_w BW_i)} \right)^{2/3} \right] \quad (12)$$

and consequently the “Shannon” product in Tbit.km/sec is:

$$shp = \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} BW_i . L_s \text{Log}_2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{C}{N_s^2 N_c k_{ci} (P_w BW_i)} \right)^{2/3} \right] \quad (13)$$

where:

BW_i : is the channel bandwidth, THz

i : is indicates that the computation is at λ_{si}

L_s : is the span length, km

N_c : is the number of channel, = 2400

N_{cL} : is the number of channels / link = N_c/N_L

N_L : is the number of links(4,5,6,7,.....,24)

N_s : is the number of sections

C : is a constant (dimensionless), = 1.9746

k_{ci} : is a constant related to the “Kerr” nonlinear coefficient, W^{-1}

P_w : is the noise power density, W/THz

where:

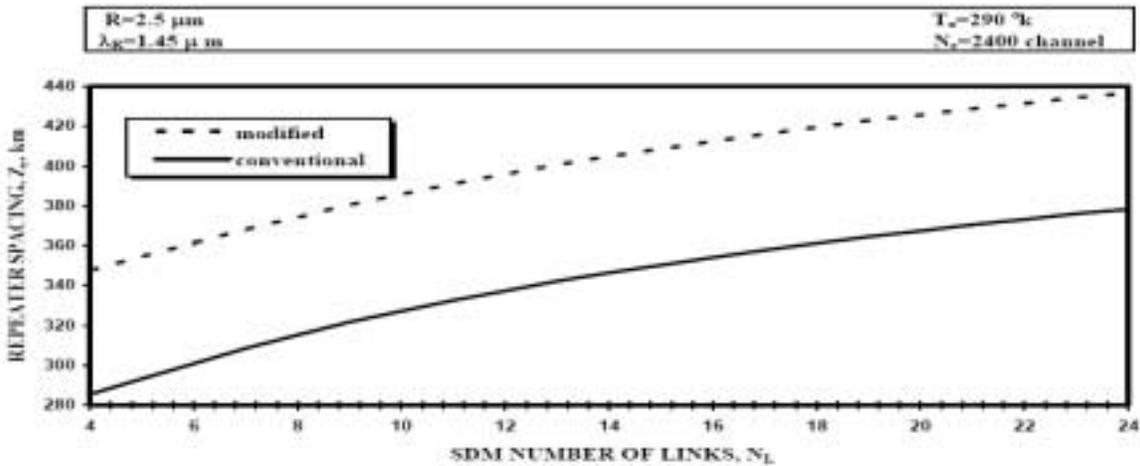


Fig. 2. Variations of repeater spacing against variations of SDM number of links at the assumed set of parameters.

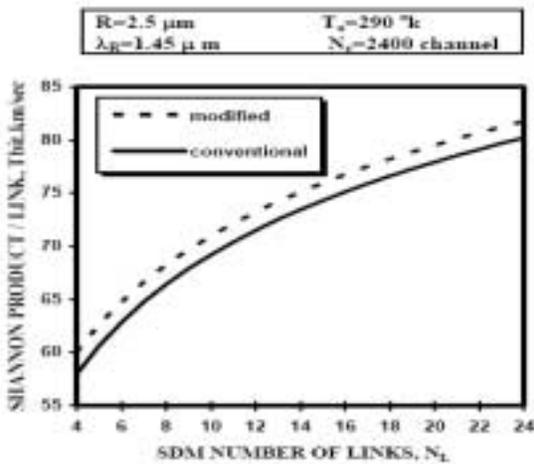


Fig.3 Variations of Shannon product/link, Tbit.km/sec against variations of SDM number of links at the assumed set of parameters.

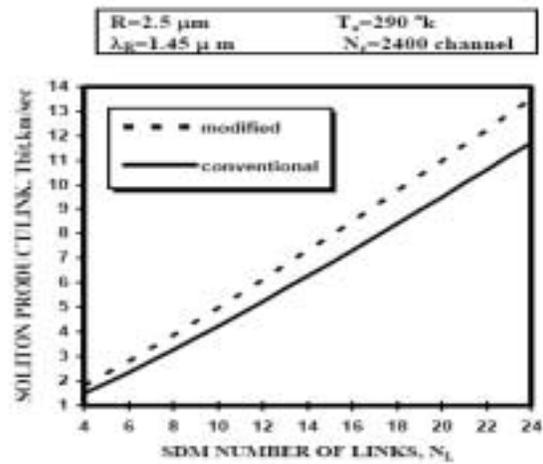


Fig.4. Variations of soliton product/link, Tbit.km/sec against variations of SDM number of links at the assumed set of parameters

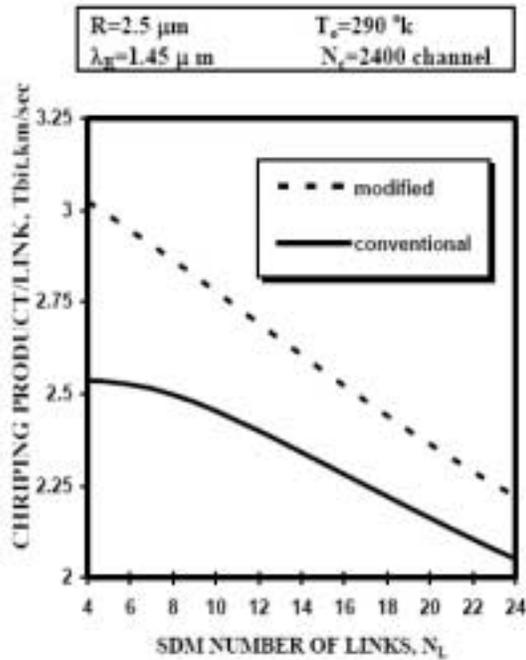


Fig.5. Variations of chirping product/link, Tbit.km/sec against variations of SDM number of links at the assumed set of parameters.

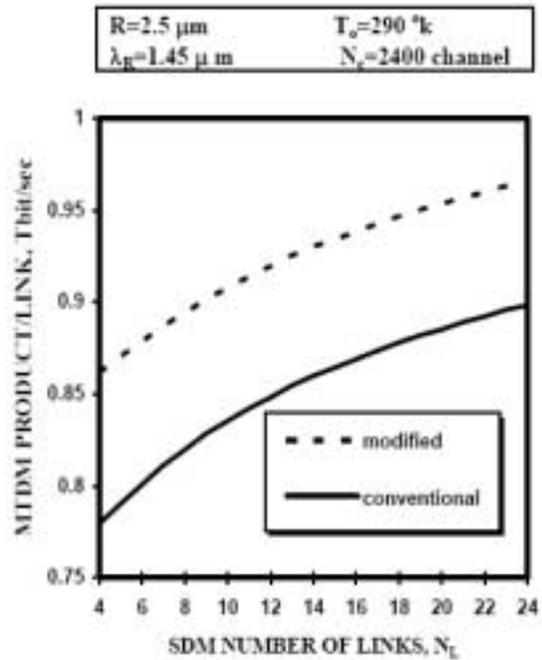


Fig.6. Variations of MTDM product/link, Tbit.km/sec against variations of SDM number of links N_L at the assumed set of parameters

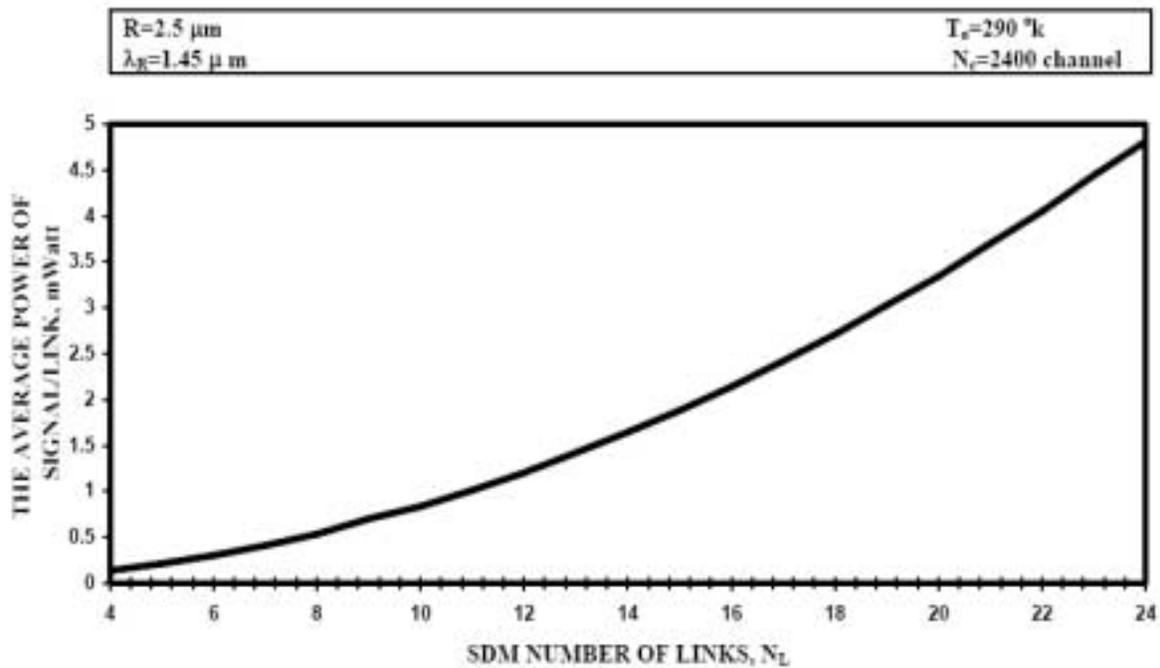


Fig. 7. Variations of $P_{s,ave}$ against variations of SDM number of links at the assumed set of parameters.

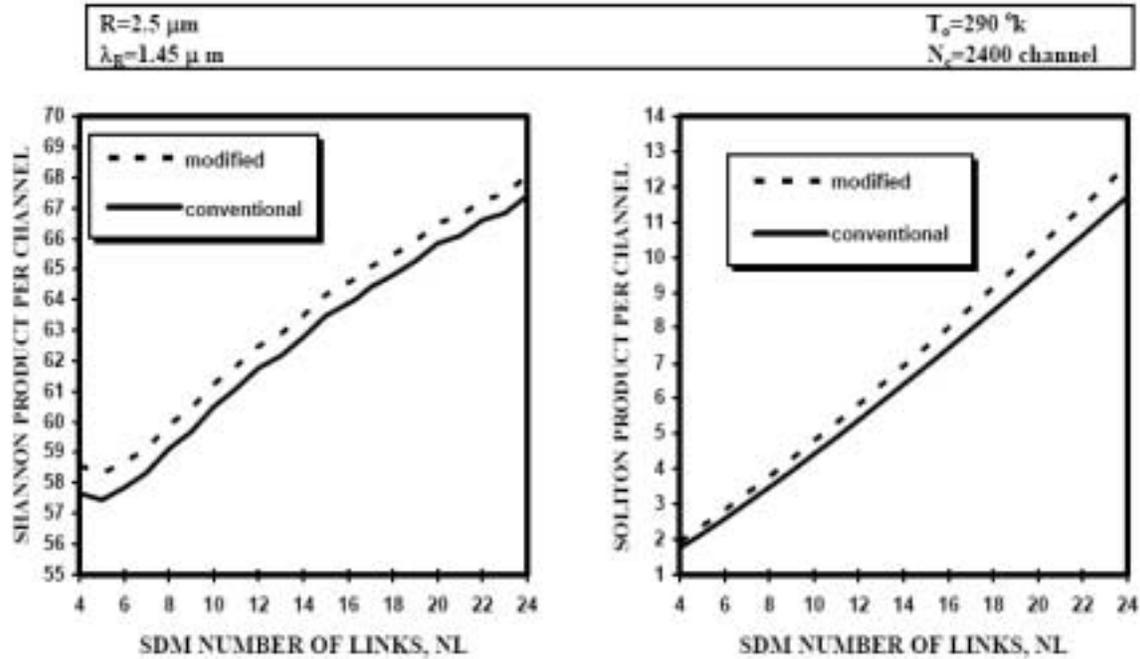


Fig.8. Variations of Shannon product/channel, Tbit.km/sec against variations of SDM number of links, N_L at the assumed set of parameters

Fig.9. Variations of soliton product/channel, Tbit.km/sec against variations of SDM number of links, N_L at the assumed set of parameters

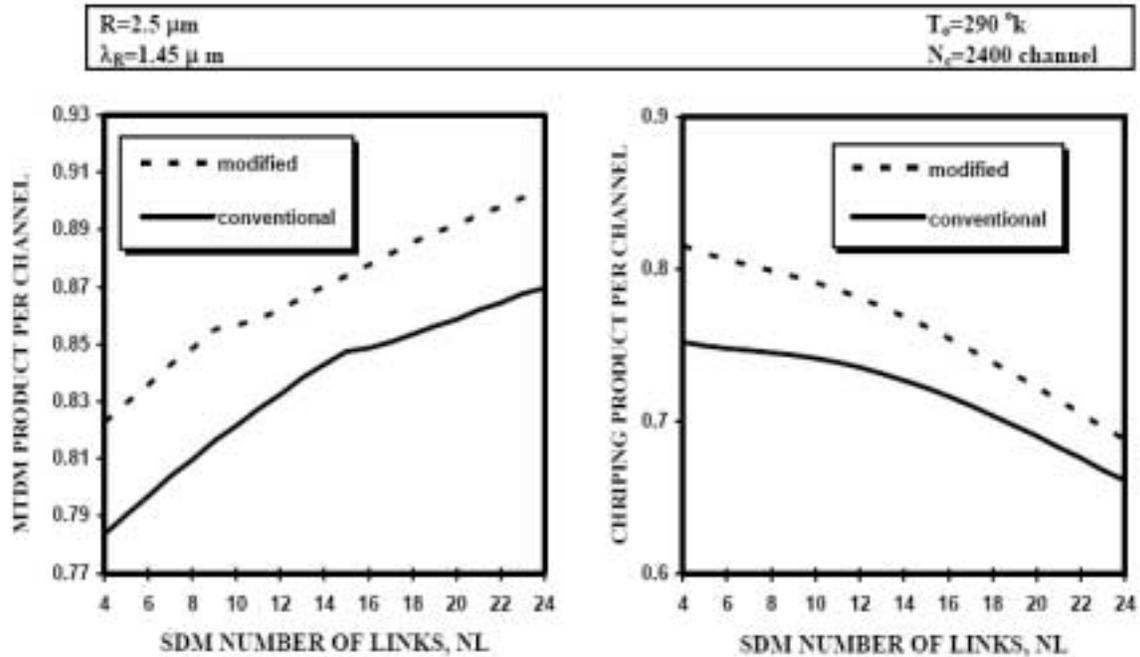


Fig.10. Variations of MTDM product/channel, Tbit.km/sec against variations of SDM number of links, N_L at the assumed set of parameters

Fig.11. Variations of chirping product/channel, Tbit.km/sec against variations of SDM number of links, N_L at the assumed set of parameters

$$10^{-5} \leq P_w, W / \text{THz} \leq 10^{-3}$$

$$k_{c_i} = k_o \left[1 - e^{-\sigma_s(\lambda_{si})L_s} \right] / \sigma_s(\lambda_{si}) \quad (14)$$

with: $k_o = 1.22 \text{ km}^{-1} \text{ W}^{-1}$: is “Kerr” nonlinear coefficient
 $\sigma_s(\lambda_s)$: is spectral losses in km^{-1} . The constant C in Eqn.(13) is given by:

$$C = \left[2 \left(\frac{2\pi}{9} \right)^{2/3} \right]^{3/2} = \frac{2\pi}{9} \cdot 2^{3/2} = 1.9746$$

The optimal operating power $P_{\max,i}$ in W is given by [17,18]:

$$P_{\max,i} = \left[\frac{C_p P_w B W_i}{N_s (N_c k_{c_i})^2} \right]^{1/3} \quad (15)$$

where: $C_p = \frac{4\pi^2}{3} = 13.1595$ (dimensionless)

SHP is considered as the ceiling value in present analysis.

e-Conventional Raman plus parametric amplification

Based on the experimental measurement [11], we cast the following inverted W-shaped combined gain $G_C(\lambda_{si})$, under the forms:

$$G_C(\lambda_{si}) = \begin{cases} 100[1.6 + 920(\lambda_{si} - 1.45)] & 1.45 \leq \lambda_{si}, \mu\text{m} \leq 1.47 \\ 100[20 - 62.5(\lambda_{si} - 1.47)] & 1.47 \leq \lambda_{si} \leq 1.545 \\ 100[20 + 50(\lambda_{si} - 1.625)] & 1.545 \leq \lambda_{si} \leq 1.625 \\ 100[20 - 500(\lambda_{si} - 1.625)] & 1.625 \leq \lambda_{si} \leq 1.66 \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

This gain represent the old one in Eqn. (2) namely $\frac{g_i}{A} P_R$

which is in m^{-1} and $\frac{1000g_i}{A} P_R, \text{ dB km}^{-1}$

In the performed experiment the length was about 2 km and power $P_R = 10$ Watt. To obtain:

$$\frac{g_i}{A} = \frac{G_C(\lambda_{si})}{20} \text{ km}^{-1} \text{ W}^{-1}$$

$$= 0.05 G_C(\lambda_{si}) \text{ km}^{-1} \text{ W}^{-1} = G_{RP}(\lambda_{si}) \quad (17)$$

Thus(in the presented model we replace $\frac{g_i}{A} P_R$ in m^{-1} by

$$\frac{G_C(\lambda_{si})}{20} P_R \text{ or } \frac{g_i}{A} P_R \text{ in } \text{m}^{-1} \text{ by } 0.05 G_C(\lambda_{si}) P_R \text{ in } \text{km}^{-1}$$

3. Results and Discussion

In the present paper, we investigate five basic technique to transmit 2400 UDWDM wavelengths in the interval of 1.45 up to 1.65 μm . The five techniques are:

- “Shannon” capacity
- Chirped pulses propagation
- Soliton propagation with conventional Raman amplifier plus EDFA.
- Soliton propagation with modified Raman amplifier by parametric effect plus EDFA
- MTDM propagation

For the reality from the points of view of the spectral dependencies of the different fiber characteristics, we employ also the SDM where the 2400 channels are divided into subgroups each subgroup has its own spectral characteristics. Two amplification techniques (distributed “Raman” plus EDFA) are employed to increase the repeater spacing z_R . Lucent “AllWave” fiber [10] is used plus the using of dispersion managed fiber (DMF) through alternative dispersions pairs of sections N_o and the chirped pulses to decrease the pulse width and consequently increases the repeater spacing z_R and consequently reduces the repeater spacing per section. Real exact analysis is employed where each channel has its own spectral characteristics (losses, dispersion, and amplification parameters). The available transmitted bit-rates are B_{sh} , B_{rsi} , B_{rmi} , and B_{rci} are computed as well as the repeater spacing z_{iR} and consequently the product Π_{ri} is computed as:

$$\Pi_{ri} = B_{ri} \cdot z_{iR} \quad (18)$$

To obtain an order-of-magnitude estimate, and good feeling of the obtained variations via the total value of Π_{ri} over different SDM groups where, we have:

$$\Pi_{sh} = \text{shp} \quad (19)$$

$$\Pi_c = \sum_{i=1}^N \Pi_{rci} \quad (20)$$

$$\Pi_s = \sum_{i=1}^N \Pi_{rsi} \quad (21)$$

$$\Pi_m = \sum_{i=1}^N \Pi_{rmi} \quad (22)$$

where Π_{sh} , Π_c , Π_s , and Π_m , are the total products of N_c channels divided into subgroups, space division multiplexing SDM due to “Shannon”, chirped pulse, solitons, and MTDM (for conventional and modified Raman) respectively and Π_{rci} , Π_{rsi} and Π_{rmi} are the individual product of the i-th. channel.

The employed ranges of variables are as follows:

$R =$ fiber radius = 2.5 μm , $1.45 \leq \lambda_{si}, \mu\text{m} \leq 1.65$,

$N_c \leq 2400$ channels, $0.0 \leq x, \% \leq 0.25$,

$N_L = \{4,5,6,7, \dots, 24\}$ links,

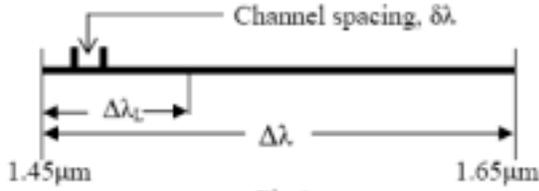


Fig.1

$$\Delta\lambda_L = \Delta\lambda / N_L = \text{Link spectral spacing}$$

$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda_f - \lambda_i = 1.65 - 1.45 = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\delta\lambda, \text{ channel spacing, } = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{N_c} = \frac{0.2}{N_c}, \mu\text{m,}$$

$$290 \leq T, \text{ } ^\circ\text{K} \leq 300, \quad 1.0 \leq P_R, \text{ Watt} \leq 1.5,$$

$$0.002 \leq \Delta n \leq 0.008, \text{ and } 0.2 \leq P_{\text{seo}}, \text{ mW} \leq 3.0$$

The designed data for each link of the N_c links in the SDM channels has its own characteristics of the set of values $\{x, \Delta n, P_{\text{seo}}, P_{\text{Ro}}\}$ as given below:

$$\Delta x = x_f - x_i = 0.25 - 0.0 = 0.25$$

$$\Delta n = \Delta n_f - \Delta n_i = 0.008 - 0.002 = 0.006$$

$$\Delta x_{\text{ch}} = \frac{0.25}{2400}, \Delta n_{\text{ch}} = \frac{0.006}{2400}$$

$$x_L / \text{link}(J_L) = x_i + (J_L - 1)\Delta x_{\text{ch}} \cdot N_c / N_L \quad (23)$$

$$\Delta n_L / \text{link}(J_L) = \Delta n_i + (J_L - 1)\Delta n_{\text{ch}} \cdot N_c / N_L \quad (24)$$

$$\lambda_i / \text{link}(J_L) = \lambda_i + (J_L - 1)\Delta\lambda_{\text{ch}} \cdot N_c / N_L \quad (25)$$

$$\lambda_{\text{ave}}(\text{link } J_L) = \lambda_i / \text{link} + 0.5N_c / N_L \cdot \Delta\lambda_{\text{ch}} \quad (26)$$

where the suffix f denotes the final value and i denotes the initial value J_L is the order of link and $\lambda_{\text{ave}}(\text{link } J_L)$ is the average wavelength over the link of order J_L

$$P_{\text{so}}(N_L) = \frac{500}{(N_c / N_L)^2 \Delta f}, \text{ Watt} \quad (27)$$

where Δx is the range of variations of x , δn is the incremental range of variations of Δn , J_L is the order of link where $1 \leq J_L \leq N_L$, N_L is the total number of links, λ_{si} is the initial wavelength at the link J_L , and λ_{sf} is the final wavelength at the link J_L

Figure 2. indicate the increase of repeater spacing with increase of the SDM number of links

The variations of $\prod_{\text{sh}}, \prod_c, \prod_s$ and \prod_m against the variations of SDM links, N_L and the set of controlling parameter are displayed in Figs.(3-6, 8-11), where the following facts are assured:

- i) As the number of links N_L increases, Z_r increases.
- ii) Shannon product is the ceiling then the soliton product, Chirping product, and finally MTDM product.
- iii) All the products possess higher values in the case of modified Raman gain.
- iv) MTDM product and N_L are in positive correlation.

- v) The average value of the total dispersion coefficient $D_{\text{t,ave}}$ is about -0.7 psec/km.nm different ranges of operation of the two controlling parameters $\Delta x = x_f - x_i$ and $\Delta n = \Delta n_f - \Delta n_i$ are of impact to reduce $D_{\text{t,ave}}$ yielding higher products.

Figure 7. indicate of the average power of the signal/link with increase SDM number of link

4. Conclusions

A rigorous investigation of UDWDM with the aid of SDM is carried out deeply and parametrically, where 2400 channels over the range $1.45 \rightarrow 1.65 \mu\text{m}$ with channel spacing 0.1 nm are multiplexed through "Lucent" "AllWave" fiber. Five real techniques of propagation are processed in order to maximize the transmitted bit-rate as well as two amplification techniques (Raman plus EDFA) to maximize the repeater spacing. The coupling of both the bit-rate and the transmitted distance is considered. DMF is employed. Based on the analysis the following major conclusions are made the modified Raman gain yield higher effects of the variable under consideration if compared and the conventional Raman. The number of links is in positive correlations and the set of effects {Repeater spacing, Soliton product, MTDM product}.

In general Shannon product is the ceiling. The average value of the total dispersion coefficient $D_{\text{t,ave}}$ is about -0.7 psec/km.nm . The vital affecting parameters are the total successive sections of alternative dispersions as the design parameters ($\Delta x, \Delta n$) which reduce the total dispersion coefficient.

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