



Optical Fiber Communication

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Types of Dispersion Loss



Material Dispersion Loss

- ❖ The material dispersion depends on the refractive index of material used to manufacture the fiber cable.
- ❖ The group velocity is the function of wavelength of light and the group velocity is also the function of refractive index of the material.
- ❖ Now depending on the light source, each spectral component of input source will be having different wavelength.

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Waveguide Dispersion Loss

- ❖ Whenever the optical signals are passing through the fiber optic cable, then the optical cable is acting as wave guide.
- ❖ Now there is a variation in the wavelength of each spectral component emitted from the source.
- ❖ As well as the angle made by each light ray with respect to the axis of optical cable will be different.



Intermodal Dispersion Loss

- ❖ This type of dispersion is also called as 'Modal Dispersion'
- ❖ This dispersion takes place in case of multimode fiber optic cables.
- ❖ Here the different mode are travelling with different group velocities inside an optical fiber.
- ❖ Some modes are travelling with maximum speed, while some are travelling with minimum speed.
- ❖ Thus there is difference between the transit time of these modes.
- ❖ So all the modes are not coming to the output at the same time.
- ❖ This gives spreading of output pulse.
- ❖ This type of dispersion is called as intermodal dispersion.
- ❖ In case of multimode step index fiber, this dispersion is highest.
- ❖ It can be reduced by choosing an optimum refractive index profile.
- ❖ In case of graded index fiber it is less by factor of 100 times.



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