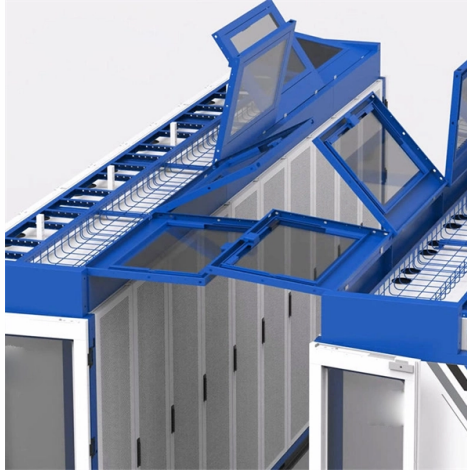


Crosstalk in multimode fiber



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Crosstalk in multimode fiber is the unwanted power exchange between different modes or cores, caused by imperfections in the fiber, which can degrade signal quality and limit transmission capacity. Causes of Crosstalk

In multimode fibers (MMFs), crosstalk arises primarily from random mode coupling (RMC), where power is exchanged between orthonormal modes due to fiber imperfections such as microbends, macrobends, or variations in fiber diameter . In multicore fibers (MCFs), crosstalk occurs between adjacent cores because the propagating modes of one core can overlap with those of neighboring cores, especially when cores are closely spaced or have similar refractive indices . The numerical aperture, core size, and relative core distance are critical factors influencing the level of crosstalk .

Effects on Signal Transmission

Crosstalk can lead to mode-dependent losses (MDL) and interference between channels, reducing the effective signal-to-noise ratio and limiting the overall capacity of the fiber system . In systems using space-division multiplexing (SDM), crosstalk can mix signals from different modes or cores, complicating the recovery of transmitted information and potentially affecting both classical and quantum communication channels .

Mitigation Techniques

Several strategies exist to reduce or compensate for crosstalk:

- Fiber design optimization: Introducing trenches around cores (trench-assisted fibers) or using heterogeneous refractive index profiles can reduce mode overlap and resonance between cores .
- Harmonic modulation of refractive index: Weakly modulating the refractive index of each core with different phases can suppress crosstalk in two- or three-core fibers and, with proper configuration, in larger multicore fibers .
- MIMO signal processing: At the receiver, multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) algorithms can reconstruct transmitted signals by compensating for linear crosstalk between modes or cores, effectively recovering the original channels .
- Core spacing and fiber length optimization: Adjusting the physical layout of cores and the fiber length can minimize crosstalk by reducing mode coupling .

Advanced Modeling

Recent studies apply optical thermodynamics to model power distribution in multimode fibers, showing that low-power systems can reach steady states described by weighted Bose-Einstein distributions. This approach simplifies the design of SDM systems and helps in developing crosstalk mitigation strategies .

Summary

Crosstalk in multimode and multicore fibers is a fundamental limitation caused by mode coupling and core interactions. Its impact on signal quality can be mitigated through careful fiber design, refractive index engineering, MIMO processing, and layout optimization. Understanding and controlling crosstalk is essential for high-capacity optical communication systems, including classical and quantum applications .

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