

# XPM-induced Crosstalk in SCM-WDM Passive Optical Networks

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, the XPM-induced crosstalk has been evaluated with third order Dispersion in SCM-WDM optical communication system at different optical powers for various parameters (dispersion, transmission length, effective area and modulation frequency) that play an important role in signal transmission. Results show that as the dispersion, transmission length and modulation frequency parameters increase, crosstalk increases with increase in optical powers and effective areas increase, crosstalk decreases with increase in optical power.

## General Terms

XPM-induced Crosstalk, Dispersion, SCM-WDM.

## Keywords

Sub-Carrier Multiplexing, Wavelength Division Multiplexing, Cross Phase modulation, Third- order dispersion, Transmission length, Crosstalk.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) has been the main attraction in the telecommunication industry. Direct fiber connection has always been viewed as the long awaited solution due to the large bandwidth and low maintenance. However, in order for FTTH to remain competitive, a passive optical network is required. SCM is a potential solution for transmission in PONs [1]. The combination of SCM and WDM is a viable method to further increase the transmission capacity in PONs [2]. SCM-WDM systems, however suffer from non-linear effects in fiber. These non-linearities cause crosstalk between subscribers on different wavelengths. In a dispersive fiber, the dominant fiber nonlinearity that causes crosstalk is cross-phase modulation (XPM). Fiber nonlinearities such as cross phase modulation (XPM) may generate significant amounts of nonlinear crosstalk between adjacent SCM channels because they are very closely spaced [3-4]. The effects of XPM and GVD in SCM-WDM video transmission systems while considering two WDM channels were reported [5]. Analytical investigation was analyzed in [6] with considering three WDM channels. The work reported in [7] considered the impact of second-order dispersion (2OD) only for SRS and XPM-induced crosstalk. With the advancement of communication systems, there is a trend of using higher modulation frequencies. So it is necessary to investigate the performance of optical transmission link at higher modulation frequencies including the higher-order dispersion coefficients. The work reported [8] considered the

impact of 2OD and third-order dispersion (3OD) coefficients independently at different modulation frequencies. This paper extends the work by including various parameters (Dispersion, effective area, transmission length and modulation frequency) that play an important role in signal transmission in SCM-WDM

passive optical network at different optical powers. After describing the introduction in Section 1, the expression for XPM-induced crosstalk has been reported in Section 2. The results and discussion are mention in Section 3 and concluding remarks are given in section 4.

## 2. XPM –INDUCED CROSSTALK

Here the modified analysis for XPM induced crosstalk has been reported by considering the third-order dispersion terms. The investigation is important for pulse of duration  $\leq 0.1$ ps propagating over the fiber.

Consider two optical waves with identical polarization, co-propagating in single mode fiber and take two coupled equation describing XPM under a slowly varying envelop are given by [9, 10]

$$\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial Z} + \frac{1}{V_{g1}} \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial t} = \left( -j\gamma P_2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) A_1 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial A_2}{\partial Z} + \frac{1}{V_{g2}} \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial t} = \left( -j\gamma P_2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) A_2 \quad (2)$$

Where  $A_i(z, t)$ ,  $i=1, 2$  denote the slowly varying complex field envelop of each wave,  $\gamma$  = nonlinearity coefficient. Therefore optical power at the input of fiber can be expressed as [11]

$$P_i = P_c [1 + m \cos \omega t] \quad (3)$$

Where  $i=1(\lambda_1)$  or  $2(\lambda_2)$  and  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2$ ,  $P_c$  is the average optical power,  $m$  is the modulation index,  $\cos \omega t$  is the modulation signal,  $\omega$  is the angular frequency. Solving equation (1) and (2) of electric envelop by neglecting  $\gamma$  for initial condition  $z=0$  and  $t=\tau_1$

$$A_1(z, t) = A_1(0, \tau_1) \exp\left(\frac{\alpha z}{2}\right) \quad (4)$$

By substituting the result of A1 (z, t) in the second coupled equation

$$A_2(z, \tau_2) = A_2(0, \tau_2) \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha z}{2}\right) \exp\left(-2j\gamma \int_0^z P_1(0, \tau_2 + d_{12}z) e^{-\alpha z} dz\right) \quad (5)$$

Where

$$\psi = -2\gamma \int_0^z P_1(0, \tau_2 + d_{12}z) e^{-\alpha z} dz \quad (6)$$

and  $\tau_1 = \tau_2 + d_{12}z$

Then equation (5)

$$A_2(z, \tau_2) = A_2(0, \tau_2) \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha z}{2}\right) \exp(-j\psi) \quad (7)$$

Considering group velocity dispersion and third order dispersion can be converted into intensity modulation via relation [12-13]

$$P_2(z, \tau_2) = P_2(0, \tau_2) \left\{ \left[ 1 + j \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} + j \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right)^2 \right) F_1 + 1 + \frac{\partial^3 \psi}{\partial t^3} - 3 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} - j \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right)^3 \right] F \right\}^2 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Where } F_1 = -\beta_2 \frac{z}{2}, F_2 = -\beta_3 \frac{z}{6}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\partial^2 \beta}{\partial \omega^2}, \beta_3 = \frac{\partial^3 \beta}{\partial \omega^3}$$

$\beta$  is the phase constant at wavelength  $\lambda$ , solving equation (7) we obtain

$$P_2(z, \tau_2) = P_2(0, \tau_2) \left\{ \left( 1 - 2F_1 - 6F_2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} \right\} \quad (9)$$

Since the value of  $\beta_2^2$  and  $\beta_3^2$  are very small, they are neglected

$$P_2(z, \tau_2) = P_2(0, \tau_2) \left\{ 1 - 2F_1 - 6F_2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right\} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} \quad (10)$$

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$$P_2(z, \tau_2) = P_2(z, \tau_2) e^{-\alpha z} \left[ \beta_2 + \beta_3 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right] \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} \quad (11)$$

We define here the following dispersion parameters [11]

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\lambda_2}{2\pi c} D \quad (12)$$

is the second –order dispersion parameter .

$$\beta_3 = \frac{\lambda^2}{(2\pi c)^2} \left[ \lambda^2 D_1 + 2\lambda D \right] \quad (13)$$

is the third-order dispersion parameter. From equation (11)

the effect of  $\beta_3$  in  $\partial P_2(z, \tau_2) / \partial z$  is given by V.

### Case-1 (XPM- induced crosstalk with 3OD)

The XPM-induced crosstalk due to 3OD coefficient is given by

$$V = -\beta_3 P_c e^{-\alpha z} \left[ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tau_2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \tau_2^2} \right] \quad (14)$$

XPM-induced crosstalk due to 3OD at wavelength  $\lambda_2$  is given by

$$V = -\frac{2m\beta_3 \gamma^2 P_c \omega^3}{(\alpha - j\omega d_{12})^3} \left( 3 + 2\alpha L + 4e^{-\alpha L} e^{j\omega d_{12}L} - e^{-2\alpha L} e^{j\omega d_{12}L} - 2j\omega d_{12}L \right) \quad (15)$$

$$V = -\frac{2m\beta_3 \gamma^2 P_c \omega^3}{(\alpha - j\omega d_{12})^3} \left\{ \left( 3 + 2\alpha L + 4e^{-\alpha L} \cos(\omega d_{12}L) - e^{-2\alpha L} \cos(\omega d_{12}L) \right) \right. \\ \left. (2\omega d_{12}L) + j4e^{-\alpha L} \sin(\omega d_{12}L) - e^{-2\alpha L} \sin(2\omega d_{12}L) - 2\omega d_{12}L \right\} \quad (16)$$

### 3. RESULT ANALYSIS

Here, the results have been mentioned for XPM-induced crosstalk at various optical powers in the presence of third order dispersion in SCM-WDM communication systems. The results have been reported by taking values of the various parameters like:  $\Delta\lambda = 4\text{nm}$ ,  $L = 50\text{ km}$ ,  $n_2 = 2.68e-20\text{m}^2/\text{W}$ ,  $\gamma = 2\pi n_2 / \lambda_2 A_{eff}$ ,  $\alpha = 0.25\text{dBm}$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 1542\text{nm}$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1546\text{nm}$  and The values of  $D = 17\text{ ps/nm/km}$ ,  $D_1 = 0.085\text{ ps/nm/km}$ .

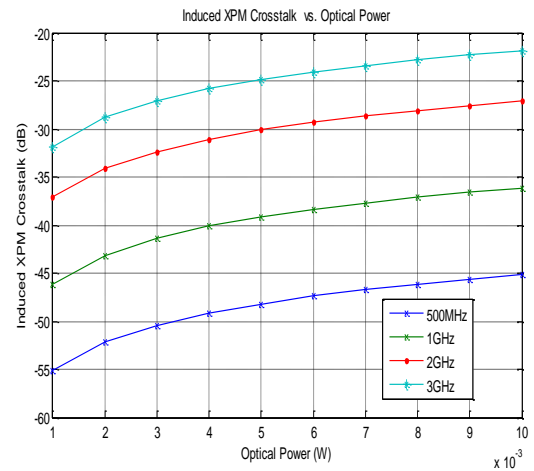


Fig.1. the graph between induced XPM Crosstalk versus Optical power at different modulation frequency.

Figure1 depicts the XPM-induced crosstalk versus optical power at varied modulation frequency. The XPM-induced crosstalk increases exponentially with the increase in optical power Fig.1 shows that the XPM-induced crosstalk is (-55 to -45), (-46 to -36), (-37 to -26) and (-32 to -24)dB in the presence of modulation frequency 500MHz,1GHz, 2GHz and 3GHz at 10mW optical power.

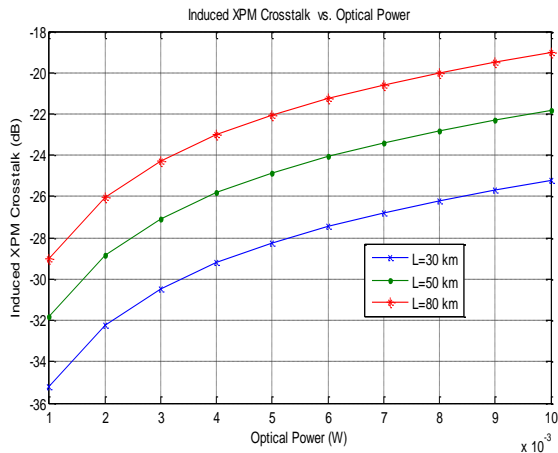


Fig.2. the graph between induced XPM Crosstalk versus optical power at different transmission length.

Furthermore Figure.2 illustrates the exponential growth in the XPM-induced crosstalk versus optical power at varied transmission length. The Fig.2 shows that the XPM-induced crosstalk is (-35 to -25), (-32 to -22) and (-29 to -19) dB in the presence of transmission length 30, 80 and 120 km at 10mW optical power.

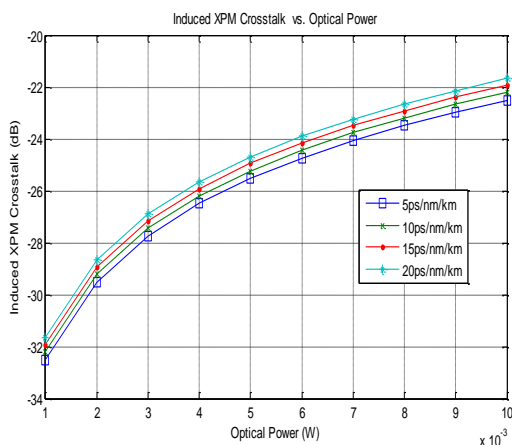


Fig.3. the graph between induced XPM Crosstalk versus optical power at different Dispersion parameter.

Furthermore Figure.3 illustrates the exponential growth in the XPM-induced crosstalk versus optical power at varied different dispersion parameter. The Fig.3 shows that the XPM-induced crosstalk is (-33 to -23), (-32.5 to -22.5), (-32 to -22) and (-31.8 to -21.5) dB in the presence of dispersion parameter 5, 10, 15 and 20 ps/nm/km at optical power.

Similarly Figure.4 illustrates the exponential growth in the XPM-induced crosstalk versus optical power at varied effective areas. The Fig.4 shows that the XPM-induced crosstalk is (-30 to -20.5), (-32 to -22) and (-34 to -23) dB in the presence of effective area 55, 80 and 120 at optical power.

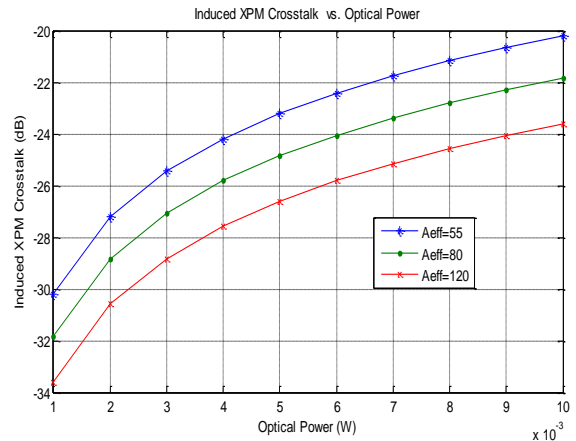


Fig.4. the graph between induced XPM Crosstalk versus optical power at different effective area.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

This paper presents the detailed theoretical analysis the influence of third-order dispersion effect on XPM-induced crosstalk. It observed that the different parameter (Dispersion, effective area, transmission length and modulation frequency) has significant impact on XPM-induced crosstalk. At 6 mW optical power, the XPM-induced crosstalk is -25, -24.5, 24.1 and -23.7dB in the presence of dispersion 5, 10, 15, 20 ps/nm/km, the XPM-induced crosstalk is -27,-24 and -21dB in the presence of transmission length 30, 50 and 80 km at 6mW optical power, the XPM-induced crosstalk is -47, -38, -29 and -24 dB in the presence of modulation frequency 500MHz, 1GHz, 2GHz and 3GHz at 6mW optical power and the XPM-induced crosstalk is -23,-24 and -25.6 dB in the presence of effective area 55, 80 and 120 at 6mW optical power. Studies established that there is significant impact of Higher order Dispersion with overall performance of optical transmission link therefore it is recommended that selection of proper optical fiber parameter needs to be taken care of. It is therefore concluded that as the dispersion, transmission length and modulation frequency parameter increase, crosstalk increases with increase in optical powers and effective areas increase, crosstalk decreases with increase in optical power.

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