

DATA-RATE FIGURE OF MERIT FOR PHYSICAL LAYER IN FIXED-GRID RECONFIGURABLE OPTICAL NETWORKS

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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 - Flex Rate Transceivers comparison
 - NLI impact evaluation
 - NLI models comparison
- Conclusions

TWO GENERIC QUESTIONS



Can we estimate the **performance** of this **uncompensated link** operated with **coherent transponders**, given the physical layer technologies adopted in it? Can we estimate the performance of this **optical network** made of **uncompensated links** operated with **coherent transponders**, given the physical layer technologies adopted in it?



TWO POSSIBLE ANSWERS



- Figure of merit: Optical Signal to Noise Ratio (OSNR)
- Computed through simulation or Non-Linear Interference (NLI) models
- Figure of merit: ...
- Computed through ...



INTRODUCING THE STATISTICAL NETWORK ASSESSMENT PROCESS (SNAP)





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SNAP - AN EXAMPLE OF APPLICATION

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TARGET ANALYSIS



Network performance figure of merit: Average BitRate per LightPath $R_{b,\lambda}$



SNAP based analysis: **Monte Carlo** random loading of transparent optical network



Network load test: network loaded up to saturation



ALGORITHM - SINGLE MONTE CARLO RUN





PHYSICAL NETWORK MODEL AND ROUTING METRIC





OSNR of LPs computed through the **Incoherent Gaussian Noise (IGN)** model



TRANSMISSION TECHNIQUES



Quality of Transmission - OSNR [dB]

SCENARIO – PAN EUROPEAN TOPOLOGY

- 49 Nodes
- 68 Bidirectional Links
- Standard Single Mode Fiber (SSMF)
 - α_{dB} =0.2 dB/km
 - A_{eff} = 80 um²
 - n₂=2.50E-20 m²/W
 - γ = 1.27 1/W/km
 - D = 16.7 ps/nm/km
- Node Loss = 10 dB
- 80 DWDM channels at 32 GBaud gross (25GBaud net) symbol rate

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Average Value Convergence





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Probability Density Function Convergence



Average BitRate per Lightpath - $R_{b,\lambda}$ [Gbps]



SYSTEM RESULTS



NLI MODELS COMPARISON

Incoherent Gaussian Noise (IGN) Model

P. Poggiolini et. al. "The GN-Model of Fiber Non-Linear Propagation and its Applications," in JLT, vol. 32, no. 4, pp. 694-721, Feb.14



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Enhanced Gaussian Noise (EGN) Model

A. Carena et. al. "EGN model of non-linear fiber propagation" Opt. Express 22, 16335-16362 (2014) P. Poggiolini "Recent Advances in Non-linear Fiber Propagation Modeling" OFC 2016 – Session W3I.4 - Invited Tutorial



SYSTEM RESULTS – NLI MODELING

Average Bitrate per Ligthpath - PM-M-QAM -[Gbps]

Computational Time for the evaluation of 100 realizations - [hours]



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CONCLUSIONS

- A new algorithm for optical networks benchmarking was also proposed.
- TDHMF outperforms PM-M-QAM of 12% at optimal launch power.
 - Better continuity and granularity in BpS vs OSNR
- 8% NLI penalty in terms of average bitrate per channel is demonstrated at network level.
- IGN model should be the non-linear modeling option of choice in reconfigurable optical networks scenarios, as its performance are extremely similar to the one obtained with the more precise, yet more computationally expensive, EGN model.





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NLI COMPARISON

Consider the set of allocated LPs of each realization (route and assigned modulation).

Recompute each OSNR using the GN model (integration of GN reference formula). Considering the modulation assigned when using IGN, compute the EGN correction factor.

Assign a new bitrate for each allocated LP given its OSNR and the adopted transmission technology



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