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Background

Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) is
 ... established in digital long-haul telecom
 ... under consideration for microwave fiber-optic systems

- Microwave fiber-optic WDM applications include
- ... Cable TV (< 1 GHz)
 - ... Radio over fiber (to mm wave)
 - ... phased array beam-steering (mm wave)

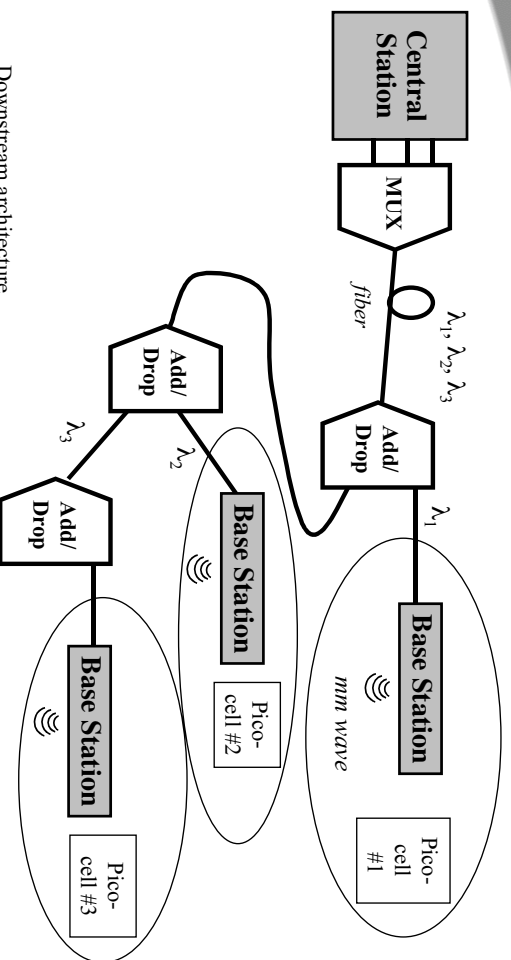
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WDM for Fiber Radio and Phased Array Antennas

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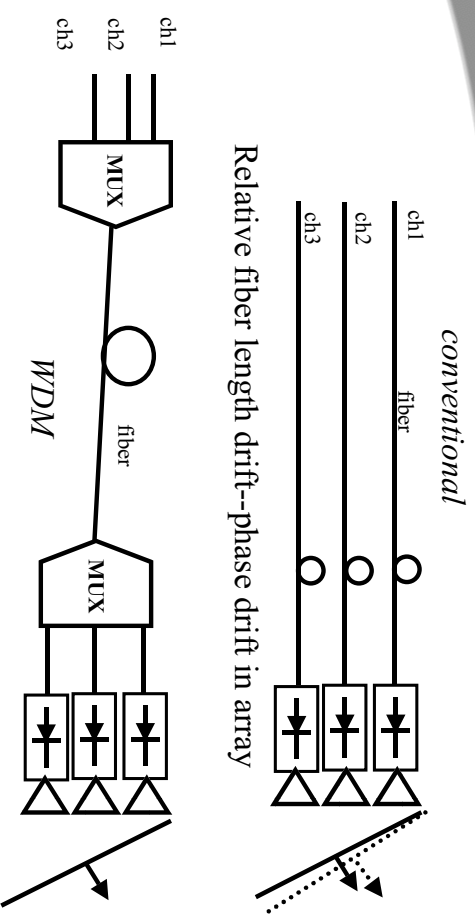
WDM simplifies radio-over-fiber architecture



Downstream architecture

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WDM improves phased array performance



WDM minimizes inter-channel drift--accurate beam forming

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WDM cross-talk impairments

Causes of WDM cross-talk

- Simulated Raman Scattering (SRS)
- Cross Phase Modulation (XPM)
- Poor filtering in MUX

Effects of WDM cross-talk

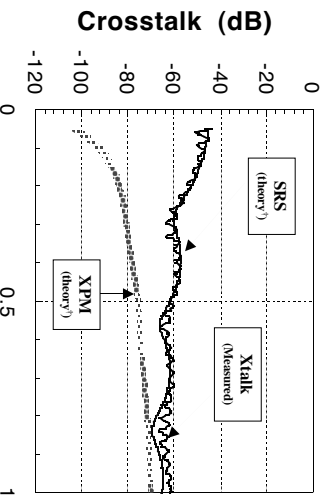
- radio-over-fiber systems
- reduced carrier to interference ratio
- BER degradation
- phased array beam-steering systems
- amplitude/phase beam forming errors
- poor side-lobe suppression
- beam pointing errors

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Stimulated Raman Scattering (SRS) dominant below 1 GHz

- Dominant impairment at CATV frequencies
- Increases with wavelength spacing (up to 100 nm)
- Decreases with modulation frequency
- Decreases with fiber dispersion

Theoretical model based on the following:
 M. R. Phillips, "Cross-talk due to optical fiber nonlinearities in WDM CATV lightwave systems," *J. Lightwave Tech.*, Vol 17, p 1782-1792, 1999.

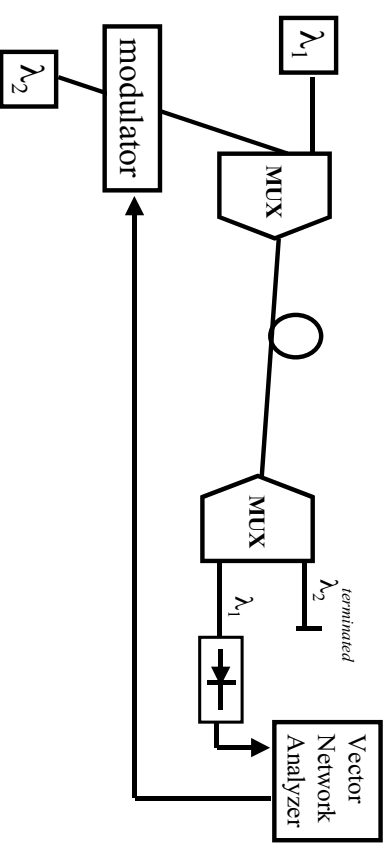


Conventional SMF, 22.3 km, 9.49 nm, 9 dBm

λ_1 :	1558.66	nm	Un-modulated Wavelength
λ_2 :	1549.17	nm	Modulated wavelength
D:	17.00	ps/nm km	Fiber Dispersion
P ₂ :	9	dBm	Modulated Ch. Power
Z:	22.30	km	Fiber Length

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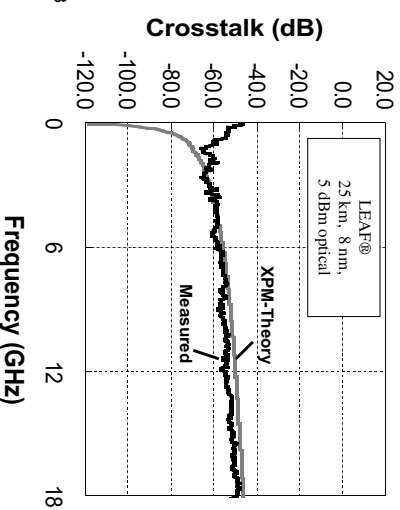
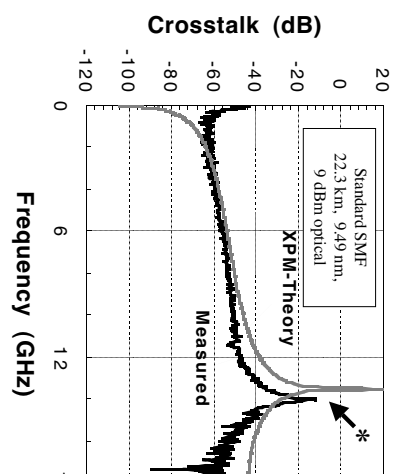
WDM cross-talk measurement setup



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Cross-Phase Modulation (XPM) dominant at microwave frequencies

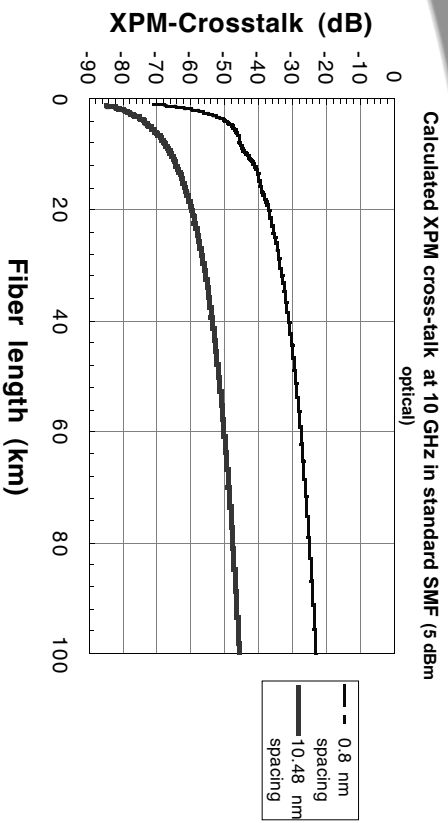
- XPM due to nonlinear refractive index.
- Net dispersion converts XPM to AM cross-talk.
- Dispersion management should improve performance.



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* Dispersion induced carrier suppression

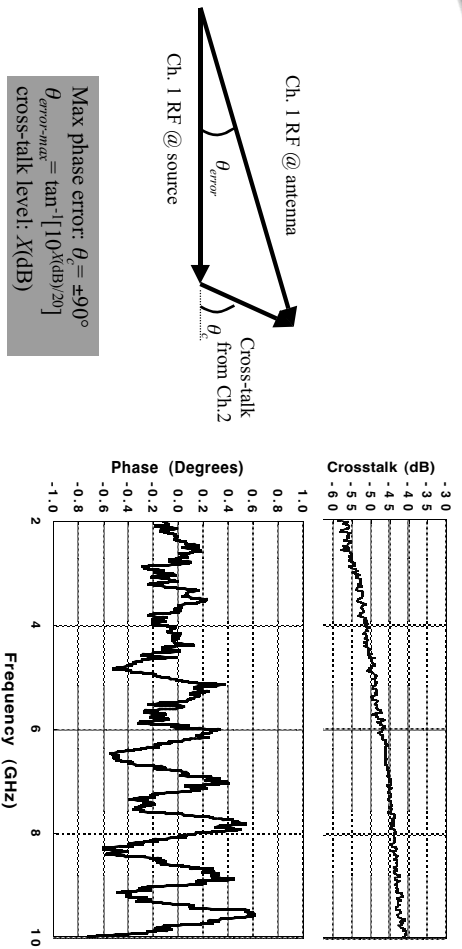
Cross-talk will limit long-haul performance



*Does not include carrier suppression from dispersion

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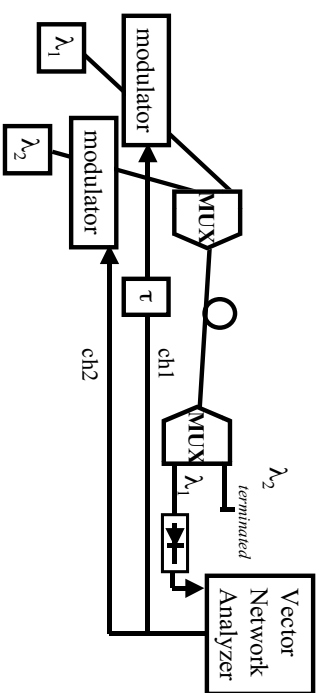
Cross-talk results in amp. and phase errors



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Cross-talk phase error measurement

This is an impairment in phased-array systems.



Total delay: 112 μ s
 Differential delay (ch1-ch2): ~ 1 ns
 Standard single mode fiber
 Ch. 1 (Main Channel) = 1549.2 nm
 Ch. 2 (Cross-talk Channel) = 1550.8 nm

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Summary

- WDM can simplify/improve microwave fiber-optic systems.
- Impairment due to cross-talk must be considered.
- Measurements of cross-talk to 18 GHz performed.
- Results indicate XPM is dominant cross-talk source above 1 GHz.
- Measurements fit theory.
- System design must trade Xtalk w/ launch power, fiber length, etc.

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