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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61280 provides definitions and measurement procedures for several wavelength and spectral width properties of an optical spectrum associated with a fibre optic communication subsystem, an optical transmitter, or other light sources used in the operation or test of communication subsystems. This document also provides definitions and measurement procedures for side-mode suppression ratio and signal-to-source spontaneous emission ratio.

The measurement is done for the purpose of system construction and/or maintenance. In the case of communication subsystem signals, the optical transmitter is typically under modulation.

NOTE Different properties ~~may~~ can be appropriate to different spectral types, such as continuous spectra characteristics of light-emitting diodes (LEDs), as well as multilongitudinal-mode (MLM), multitransverse-mode (MTM) and single-longitudinal mode (SLM) spectra, which are characteristic of laser diodes (LDs).

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3.1.1
centre wavelength
λ_0
mean of the closest spaced half-power wavelengths in an optical spectrum, one above and one below the peak wavelength

Note 1 to entry: Centre wavelength is also called “half-power mid-point”.

3.1.2
half-power wavelength
λ_{3dB}
wavelength corresponding to a half-peak power value of the optical spectrum

3.1.3
peak wavelength
λ_p
wavelength corresponding to the maximum power value of the optical spectrum

3.1.4
centroidal wavelength
λ_c
mean or average wavelength of an optical spectrum

3.2 Spectral width

3.2.1
RMS spectral width
$\Delta\lambda_{rms}$
square root of the second moment of the power distribution about the centroidal wavelength

3.2.2
***n*-dB-down spectral width**
$\Delta\lambda_{n\text{-}dB}$
positive difference of the closest spaced wavelengths, one above and one below the peak wavelength λ_p, at which the spectral power density determined in a specified resolution bandwidth is n dB down from its peak value

3.2.3
full-width at half-maximum
$\Delta\lambda_{fwhm}$
~~a special case of n-dB-down width with n = 3~~
positive difference of the closest spaced wavelengths, one above and one below the peak wavelength λ_p, at which the spectral power density determined in a specified resolution bandwidth is 3 dB down from its peak value

3.3 Additional spectral characteristics

3.3.1
side-mode suppression ratio
SMSR
ratio of the largest peak of the optical spectrum to the second largest peak under non-modulated (continuous wave) operating condition, which is determined in a specified wavelength resolution bandwidth (RBW), for a nominally single-longitudinal mode (SLM) spectrum

Note 1 to entry: See 8.8.

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