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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61282, which is a technical report, presents general information about in-service measurements of polarization mode dispersion (PMD) and chromatic dispersion (CD) in fibre optic links. It describes the background and need for these measurements, the various methods and techniques developed thus far, and their possible implementations for practical applications.

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IEC 60793-1-42, *Optical fibres – Part 1-42: Measurement methods and test procedures – Chromatic dispersion*

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3 Symbols, acronyms and abbreviated terms

$D(\lambda)$	group velocity dispersion coefficient at optical wavelength λ
F	frequency of amplitude modulation in CD measurement
L	length of arc of the SOP rotation on the Poincaré sphere
L_f	length of fibre or fibre link
P_p, P_s	optical signal powers in two orthogonal SOPs
\hat{P}	normalized optical power
$\Delta\hat{P}$	normalized optical power difference
S_1, S_2, S_3	Stokes parameter
\hat{S}	normalized Stokes vector
N	number of statistically independent effective DGD measurements
N_t	number of statistically independent effective DGD measurements in time
N_v	number of statistically independent signal wavelengths
c	speed of light in vacuum
Δf	optical frequency interval or spacing
f	electrical signal frequency in dual-wavelength frequency generator
f_{clock}	clock frequency of digital data modulation
Δt	time interval between effective DGD measurements or differential time delay in CD measurement