

Advanced Transmission Techniques for Optical Communications Systems: What can we learn from wireless systems

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Abstract: Until recently, spectral efficiency wasn't an important issue in the design of optical communication systems, due to the large spectrum available in the visible light domain. More recently though, the capacity of installed optical fibres has been reaching its limits, and increasing the spectral efficiency seems to be a better proposition than setting up new fibre links. Besides that, newer applications, such as short-range fibre links for data centres and visible light communications also pose different challenges. On the other hand, spectral efficiency has always been of paramount importance in wireless systems, and many of the techniques currently employed in these systems, such as coherent detection, multicarrier modulation, adaptive modulation and coding, and even MIMO, are currently finding their way also in optical communications systems. In this talk, we will give an overview of how these techniques can be apllied in different optical environments, such as long- and short-distance fibre links as well as wireless optical systems.

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