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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) addition of terms and definitions for optical multicast switches (3.8);
b) revision of Clause 4, listing the requirements for standards in the IEC 62343 series;
c) addition of Clause 6 (Safety requirements).

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INTRODUCTION

This document applies to dynamic devices as defined in IEC TS 62538. This document contains general guidance for the IEC 62343 series related to dynamic devices and definitions which apply to dynamic devices. The dynamic module (DM), or device, has two distinguishing characteristics: dynamic and module.

"Dynamic" highlights the functions of the products to include "tuning, varying, switching, configuring, and other continuous optimization," often accomplished by electronics, firmware, software or their combinations. The dynamic device usually has a certain level of intelligence to monitor or measure its configuration or settings and make decisions for necessary (optimization) actions. The behaviour of dynamic modules can be characterized by transient characteristics as the dynamic module undergoes tuning, switching, configuring, and other continuous optimization. Characterization of transient characteristics will be considered in individual dynamic module standards.

"Module" defines that products covered by this document are the integration of active and passive components (either or both), through interconnecting materials or devices. The controlling electronics can be inside or outside the optical package that contains all or most of the optical components and interconnection. The product can be a small printed wiring board (PWB) or child-board with mounted optical module, or it can be a small box (e.g., housing) with optical components and electronics enclosed. In the former case, it is more like an assembly (i.e., generally not packaged in a box or housing) than a module (i.e., generally packaged in a box or housing).

For historical reasons and convenience, a dynamic module or device is referred to as a dynamic module in the IEC 62343 series.

The number of dynamic modules and devices is rapidly growing as optical communications networks evolve. The following list provides some examples of the products covered by the IEC 62343 series. It should be noted that the list is not exhaustive and the products to be covered are not limited by the listed examples:

- channel gain equalizer;
- dynamic channel equalizer;
- dynamic gain tilt equalizer;
- dynamic slope equalizer;
- tuneable chromatic dispersion compensator;
- polarization mode dispersion compensator;
- reconfigurable optical add-drop multiplexer;
- switch with monitoring and controls;
- variable optical attenuator with monitoring and controls;
- optical channel monitor;
- wavelength selective switch;
- optical multicast switch.

The IEC 62343 series covers performance templates, performance standards, reliability qualification requirements, hardware and software interfaces, and related testing methods.

The structure of the IEC 62343 series, under the general title *Dynamic modules,* is as follows:

- IEC 62343-1 series Part 1: Performance standards
- IEC 62343-2 series Part 2: Reliability qualification
- IEC 62343-3 series Part 3: Performance specification templates
- IEC 62343-4 series Part 4: Software and hardware interface
- IEC 62343-5 series Part 5: Test methods
- IEC 62343-6 series Part 6: Design guidelines

A complete set of standards related to a dynamic module or device should include the following:

- optical performance standards;
- reliability qualification standards;
- optical performance specification templates;
- hardware and software interface standards;
- test methods;
- technical reports.

The safety standards related to dynamic modules are mostly optical power considerations, which are covered by the IEC 60825 series.

Only those dynamic modules for which standards are complete or in preparation are included in Clause 3. To reflect the rapidly growing market for dynamic modules, additional terms and definitions will be added in subsequent revisions as the series expands.

It should be noted that optical amplifiers could be regarded as dynamic modules. They are not included in the IEC 62343 series but are covered in their own series of IEC standards.

DYNAMIC MODULES – GENERIC SPECIFICATION

1 Scope

This document applies to all commercially available optical dynamic modules and devices. It describes the products covered by the IEC 62343 series, defines terminology, fundamental considerations and basic approaches.

The object of this document is to

- establish uniform requirements for operation, reliability and environmental properties of dynamic modules (DMs) to be implemented in the appropriate DM standard, and
- provide assistance to the purchaser in the selection of consistently high-quality DM products for their particular applications, as well as in the consultation of the appropriate specific DM standard(s).

This document covers performance templates, performance standards, reliability qualification requirements, hardware and software interfaces and related testing methods.

Since a dynamic module integrates an optical module/device, printed wiring board, and software/firmware, the standards developed in the series will mimic appropriate existing standards. On the other hand, since "dynamic module" is a relatively new product category, the dynamic module standards series will not be bound by the existing practices where requirements differ.

The safety standards as related to dynamic modules are mostly optical power considerations, which is covered by the IEC 60825 series (see Clause 6).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-731, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 731: Optical fibre communication* (available at www.electropedia.org)

IEC TR 61931, *Fibre optic – Terminology*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-731, IEC TR 61931, and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

NOTE 1 Some terms and definitions included in this document were first published in the IEC 62343 series. After publication of this document, these terms and definitions will be removed from the IEC 62343 series when the series is revised, and reference will be made to IEC 62343.

NOTE 2 The terms and definitions listed in Clause 3 refer to the meaning of the terms and definitions used in the specifications of dynamic modules. Only those parameters listed in the appropriate performance standard in the IEC 62343-1 series and performance specification templates in the IEC 62343-3 series are intended to be specified.

NOTE 3 The list of parameter definitions for dynamic modules given in Clause 3 is divided into subclauses according to the type of dynamic module.

3.1 General terms and definitions

3.1.1
optical dynamic device
optical device designed to monitor and control dynamically some characteristics of one or more optical signals, by means of suitable electronic controls, in order to improve or to maintain definite performances of the system in which it is intended to be inserted

Note 1 to entry: Said characteristics may include optical paths, optical intensities, spectral characteristics, polarization states, dispersion, etc.

Note 2 to entry: Optical dynamic devices may comprise optical active and optical passive elements or components.

Note 3 to entry: The control/response time of optical dynamic devices is much larger than the signal time characteristics and typically may range from few microseconds to tens of seconds.

[SOURCE: IEC TS 62538:2008, 2.1.1]

3.1.2
optical module
packaged integration of optical components and/or elements, accomplishing defined functionality, typically repairable and re-workable

[SOURCE: IEC TS 62538:2008, 2.2.5, modified – The notes to entry have been omitted.]

3.2 Dynamic module terms and definitions

3.2.1
channel
signal at wavelength, λ, that corresponds to ITU grid (ITU-T Recommendation G.694.1) within the range of operating wavelength range

3.2.2
operating wavelength range
specified range of wavelengths from λ_{imin} to λ_{imax} about a nominal operating wavelength λ_I, within which a dynamic optical module is designed to operate with a specified performance

3.2.3
channel frequency range
frequency range within which a device is expected to operate with a specified performance

Note 1 to entry: For a particular nominal channel central frequency, f_{nomi}, the channel frequency range is from $f_{imin} = (f_{nomi} - \Delta f_{max})$ to $f_{imax} = (f_{nomi} + \Delta f_{max})$, where Δf_{max} is the maximum channel central frequency deviation.

3.2.4
channel spacing
centre-to-centre difference in frequency (or wavelength) between adjacent channels in a device

3.3 Dynamic channel equalizer (DCE) terms and definitions

3.3.1
dynamic channel equalizer
DCE
device capable of transforming, by internal or external automatic control, a multichannel input signal with time-varying averaged powers into an output signal in which all working channel powers are nominally equal or are set for a required level of pre-emphasis

Note 1 to entry: A DCE may also provide the extinction of one or more of the input channels.

3.3.2
channel non-uniformity
difference between the powers of the channel with the most power (in dBm) and the channel with the least power (in dBm)

Note 1 to entry: The channel non-uniformity applies to a multichannel signal across the operating wavelength range.

Note 2 to entry: Channel non-uniformity is expressed in dB.

3.3.3
in-band extinction ratio
difference, within the operating wavelength range, between the minimum power of the non-extinguished channels (in dBm) and the maximum power of the extinguished channels (in dBm)

Note 1 to entry: In-band extinction ratio is expressed in dB.

3.3.4
out-of-band attenuation
attenuation of channels that fall outside of the operating wavelength range

Note 1 to entry: Out-of-band attenuation is expressed in dB.

3.3.5
ripple
peak-to-peak difference in insertion loss within a channel frequency (or wavelength) range

3.3.6
channel response time
elapsed time it takes a device to transform a channel from a specified initial power level to a specified final power level desired state, when the resulting output channel non-uniformity tolerance is met, measured from the time the actuation energy is applied or removed

3.4 Tuneable dispersion compensator (TDC) or dynamic chromatic dispersion compensator (DCDC) terms and definitions

3.4.1
tuneable dispersion compensator
TDC
dynamic chromatic dispersion compensator
DCDC
two-port in-line device that is capable of transforming, by internal or external automatic control, an input signal with time-varying dispersion into an output signal in which an output channel dispersion value is set for a required level of value

3.4.2
insertion loss ripple
maximum peak-to-peak variation of the insertion loss within a channel frequency (or wavelength) range

3.4.3
dispersion tuning time

longest elapsed time it takes a module to change a dispersion setting from an arbitrary initial dispersion value to a desired final dispersion value, when the resulting dispersion target tolerance is met

3.5 Dynamic gain tilt equalizer (DGTE) terms and definitions

3.5.1
dynamic spectral equalizer
DSE

two port in-line dynamic module that converts an input signal with time-varying spectral shape into an output signal in which spectral shape is nominally flat, or is set for a required spectral shape for pre-emphasis

3.5.2
dynamic gain tilt equalizer
DGTE

dynamic spectral equalizer used in an optical amplifier that converts input signals with time-varying gain tilt into output signals in which gain tilt is nominally flat, or is set for a required gain tilt

3.5.3
dynamic gain tilt range

difference between the maximum and minimum deviation of attenuation over operating wavelength range, to which the dynamic gain tilt equalizer can be set

3.5.4
positive slope type

type of DGTE for which dynamic gain tilt range can be set for positive gain tilt

3.5.5
negative slope type

type of DGTE for which dynamic gain tilt range can be set for negative gain tilt

3.5.6
both slope type

type of DGTE to which dynamic gain tilt range can be set for both positive and negative gain tilt

3.5.7
slope linearity

maximum deviation of attenuation between the spectral shape by dynamic gain tilt equalizer and linear slope over the operating wavelength range

3.5.8
response time

<dynamic gain tilt equalizer> longest elapsed time it takes a dynamic gain tilt equalizer to change a gain tilt setting from an arbitrary initial gain tilt value to a desired final gain tilt value, when the resulting gain tilt target tolerance is met

3.6 Optical channel monitor (OCM) terms and definitions

3.6.1
input channel plan

entire set of ITU channels on which the optical channel monitor is reporting

3.6.2
input channel frequency spacing tolerance
centre-to-centre difference in frequency (or wavelength) between adjacent channels in a device

3.6.3
input channel power dynamic range
full range of input power per channel between the saturation and sensitivity limits

3.6.4
input channel non-uniformity
difference between the powers of the channel with the most power (in dBm) and the channel with the least power (in dBm) during one measurement within the response time

Note 1 to entry: Input channel non-uniformity applies to a multichannel signal across the operating wavelength range.

Note 2 to entry: Input channel non-uniformity is expressed in dB.

3.6.5
input adjacent channel non-uniformity
difference between the powers of adjacent channels present during one measurement within the response time

Note 1 to entry: The input adjacent channel non-uniformity applies to a multichannel signal across the operating wavelength range.

Note 2 to entry: In-band extinction ratio is expressed in dB.

3.6.6
input channel non-uniformity for channel identification
difference between the powers of the channel with the most power and the channel with the least power during one measurement within the response time for positively identifying all channels present and not falsely identifying channels that are not present

Note 1 to entry: Input channel non-unformity for channel identification applies to a multichannel signal across the operating wavelength range.

Note 2 to entry: In-band extinction ratio is expressed in dB.

3.6.7
input adjacent channel non-uniformity for channel identification
difference between the powers of adjacent channels present during one measurement within the response time for positively identifying all channels present and not falsely identifying channels that are not present

Note 1 to entry: Input adjacent channel non-uniformity for channel identification applies to a multichannel signal across the operating wavelength range.

Note 2 to entry: In-band extinction ratio is expressed in dB.

3.6.8
input total band power dynamic range for channel measurements
full range of input total band power between the saturation or sensitivity limits of channel measurements

3.6.9
input total band power dynamic range for total band power measurements
full range of input total band power between the saturation or sensitivity limits of total band power measurements

3.6.10
input optical signal-noise ratio (OSNR) dynamic range
full range of input OSNR per channel within which the power, total band power and OSNR measurements remain within their respectively specified error limits

3.6.11
input channels bit rates
list of bit rates to which any channel may be modulated

3.6.12
reference measurement bandwidth
integration bandwidth of the optical power measurement

3.6.13
noise equivalent bandwidth
integration bandwidth of the optical noise measurement

3.6.14
channel power absolute error
maximum difference between the measured channel power and the calibrated reference channel power, within the specified measurement integration bandwidth, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.15
channel power relative error
maximum variation of the channel power absolute error, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.16
channel power variability
maximum variation of the channel power absolute error over the repeatability time interval at a given input and operating condition, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.17
channel power resolution interval
smallest increment of the reported channel power measurement value

3.6.18
channel power polarization dependent error
maximum power measurement difference over all polarization states at a given input and operating condition, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.19
total band power absolute error
difference between the measured total power and the calibrated total power reference, each integrated over the frequency band, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.20
total band power relative error
maximum variation of the total band absolute error, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.21
total band power variability
maximum variation of the total band power absolute error over the repeatability time interval at given input and operating conditions, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.22
total band power resolution interval
smallest increment of the reported total band power measurement value

3.6.23
frequency absolute error
maximum difference between the measured frequency and the calibrated reference frequency, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.24
frequency relative error
maximum variation of the frequency absolute error, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.25
frequency variability
maximum variation of the frequency absolute error over the repeatability time interval at given input and operating conditions, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.26
frequency resolution interval
smallest increment of the reported frequency measurement value

3.6.27
frequency polarization dependent error
maximum frequency measurement difference over all polarization states at given input and operating conditions, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.28
OSNR absolute error
maximum difference between the measured and the calibrated reference OSNR, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.29
OSNR relative error
maximum variation of the OSNR absolute error, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.30
OSNR variability
maximum variation of the OSNR absolute error over the repeatability time interval at given input and operating conditions, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.31
OSNR resolution interval
smallest increment of the reported OSNR measurement value

3.6.32
OSNR polarization dependent error
maximum OSNR measurement difference over all polarization states at given input and operating conditions, during one measurement within the response time, specified over all input and operating ranges

3.6.33
back reflection
fraction of the optical signal reflected at the input optical port over the entire band, specified over all input and operating ranges