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"Link design and legacy amplifier limitation in flex-grid optical networks"

## Abstract:

With the exponential growth of traffic, network operators are continually looking for a cost-effective approach in order to meet the ongoing need for capacity. Recently, some advanced features have been integrated into optical layer equipment leading to the notion of channel flexibility (i.e., optical channel width depends on the amount of traffic to be transported). This allows to save about 33% of fiber spectrum, introducing however some strategic and technological issues. For instance, the existing amplifiers should be replaced by more powerful but costly ones, due to the increase of the number of optical channels. This work proposes a novel approach that allows keeping in use the existing amplifiers with no impact on the expected benefits.