

Performance analysis of 4 channel CWDM using EDFA based on extinction ratio and fiber length

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Abstract -In Wavelength-division multiplexing (WDM) we are combining multiple signals at various infrared (IR) wavelengths on laser beams for transmitting the signal along fiber optic media. Generally there are two WDM techniques one is CWDM and another one is DWDM. Coarse wavelength division multiplexing (CWDM) is a method which will combine multiple signals on laser beams at various wavelengths for transmission along fiber optic cables, such that the number of channels is less as compared with dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM). In metro and cable TV network CWDM is getting more attention because with low cost it can transmit more bandwidth.

In optical fiber communication system dispersion compensation is one of the most important feature because here the absence dispersion causes pulse spreading which results in overlapping of the signal in the receiver side. So, in order to compensate the dispersion here EDFA(Erbium doped fiber amplifier) is used. Erbium-doped fiber amplifiers (EDFA) are one of the most important fiber amplifiers in case of long-range optical fiber communication. They are capable of amplifying the light in the wavelength region of 1.5- μm , where telecom fibres experience minimum loss. Hence Erbium-Doped Fiber Amplifier (EDFA) is used for long distances. It is found that when we increased the value of extinction ratio, the threshold value will be decreases but eye height will increases.

Here in this optical design, 4 channels CWDM is simulated with various length of fiber. These days the demand for large bandwidth is continuously increasing. In order to fulfil this need, telecommunication companies have to investigate on increasing their channels capacity with the lowest cost possible.

Key Words: Optical fiber, WDM(wavelength division multiplexing), CWDM(Coarse wavelength division multiplexing), DWDM(Dense wavelength division multiplexing), EDFA(Erbium doped fiber amplifier), RF(Radio frequency).

1.INTRODUCTION

In Fiber-optic communication information are transmitted from one place to another place by sending pulses of light through an optical fiber. The light forms an electromagnetic carrier wave which is modulated to carry information. We are using it in high speed data transmission

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In Wavelength-division multiplexing (WDM) technique a number of optical carrier signals multiplexes onto a single optical fiber by the use of different wavelengths or colors of laser light. The modulation of each laser is done by an independent set of signals. This technique makes possible bidirectional communications over one strand of fiber, as well as multiplication of capacity. At the receiving end the wavelength-sensitive filters, IR analog of visible color filters are used.

WDM is somehow same as frequency-division multiplexing (FDM). But instead of taking place at radio frequencies (RF), WDM is done in the IR portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. Each IR channel carries several RF signals combined by means of FDM or time-division multiplexing

(TDM). Each multiplexed IR channel is separated, or demultiplexed, into the original signals at the destination. Using FDM or TDM in each IR channel in combination with WDM or several IR channels, data in different formats and at different speeds can be transmitted simultaneously on a single fiber.

Advances in optoelectronic components allowed design of systems that simultaneously transmitted multiple wavelengths of light over a single fiber. Multiple high-bit rate data streams of 2.5 Gb/s, 10 Gb/s and, more recently, 40 Gb/s and 100Gb/s could be multiplexed through divisions of several wavelengths. And so was born Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM).

Presently there are two types of wdm technology :CWDM(Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing) and DWDM(Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing) .

1.1 CWDM

Coarse wavelength division multiplexing (CWDM) is a method which will combine multiple signals on laser beams at various wavelengths for transmission along fiber optic cables, such that the number of channels is fewer than in dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) but more than in standard wavelength division multiplexing (WDM).

CWDM systems have channels at wavelengths spaced 20 nanometers (nm) apart, compared with 0.4 nm spacing for DWDM. This allows the use of low-cost, uncooled lasers for CWDM. In a typical CWDM system, laser emissions occur on eight channels at eight defined wavelengths: 1610 nm, 1590 nm, 1570 nm, 1550 nm, 1530 nm, 1510 nm, 1490 nm, and 1470 nm. But up to 18 different channels are allowed, with wavelengths ranging down to 1270 nm.

The energy from the lasers in a CWDM system is spread out over a larger range of wavelengths than is the energy from the lasers in a DWDM system. The tolerance (extent of wavelength imprecision or variability) in a CWDM laser is up to ± 3 nm, whereas in a DWDM laser the tolerance is much tighter. Because of the use of lasers with lower precision, a CWDM system is less expensive and consumes less power than a DWDM system. However, the maximum realizable distance between nodes is smaller with CWDM.

1.2 DWDM

Dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) is a technology that puts data from different sources together on an optical fiber, with each signal carried at the same time on its own separate light wavelength. Using DWDM, up to 80 (and theoretically more) separate wavelengths or channels of data can be multiplexed into a light stream transmitted on a single optical fiber. Each channel carries a time division multiplexed (TDM) signal. In a system with each channel carrying 2.5 Gbps (billion bits per second), up to 200 billion bits can be delivered a second by the optical fiber. Since each channel is demultiplexed at the end of the transmission back into the original source, different data formats being transmitted at different data rates can be transmitted together.

2. DIFFERENT DISPERSION COMPENSATION TECHNIQUES IN OPTICAL COMMUNICATION

The different dispersion compensation techniques in optical fiber communication system are:

1. Using Dispersion compensation fiber(DCF)
2. Using Fiber Bragg grating (FBG)
3. Using Erbium-Doped Fiber Amplifier (EDFA)
4. Using Electronic dispersion Compensation (EDC)

2.1 EDFA

An erbium-doped fiber amplifier (EDFA) is a device that is used for amplifying an optical fiber signal. We are generally using it in the field of telecommunications it is also used in various research fields. An EDFA is "doped" with a material called erbium. The "doping" term refers to the process of using chemical elements for facilitating results through the process of electron manipulation.

The first successful optical amplifier was EDFA and it is a significant factor in the rapid deployment of fiber optic networks during the 1990s.

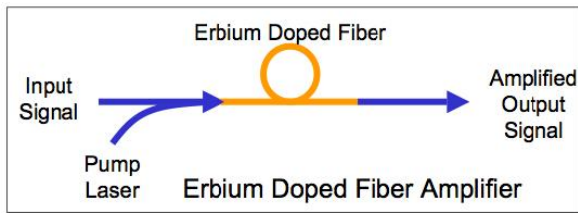


Fig1:-EDFA

from various light dispersion forms from bends in the optical fiber. In addition, EDFAs cannot amplify wavelengths shorter than 1525 nanometers (nm).

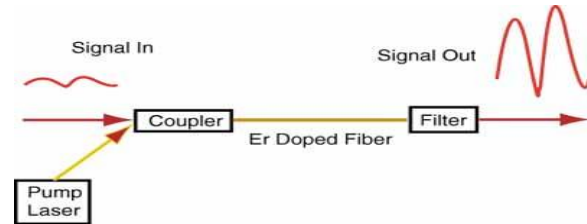


Fig2:-Working principle of EDFA

2.1.1 Working principle of EDFA

In general, the working principle of EDFA is based on the principle of stimulating the emission of photons. With EDFA, an erbium-doped optical fiber at the core is pumped with light from laser diodes. This type of setup in telecom systems can help with fiber optic communications, for example, boosting the power of a data transmitter. An EDFA may also be used to maintain long spans of a passive fiber network and may also be used for some types of equipment testing.

Pump lasers are the pumping bands which inserts dopants into the silica fiber, which results in a gain, or amplification. EDFA excites the erbium ions and amplification occurs at pump laser, which then reach a higher energy level. Photons are emitted as erbium ion levels decrease, or decay. This decaying process results an interaction between the phonons and the glass matrix, which are vibrating atomic elastic structures.

The EDFA rate, or amplification window, is based on the optical wavelength range of amplification and is determined by the dopant ions' spectroscopic properties, the optical fiber glass structure and the pump laser wavelength and power. As ions are sent into the optical fiber glass, energy levels broaden, which results in amplification window broadening and a light spectrum with a broad gain bandwidth of fiber optic amplifiers used for wavelength division multiplex communications. This single amplifier may be used with all optic fiber channel signals when signal wavelengths are in the amplification window. Optical isolator devices are placed on either side of the EDFA and serve as diodes, which prevent signals from traveling in more than one direction.

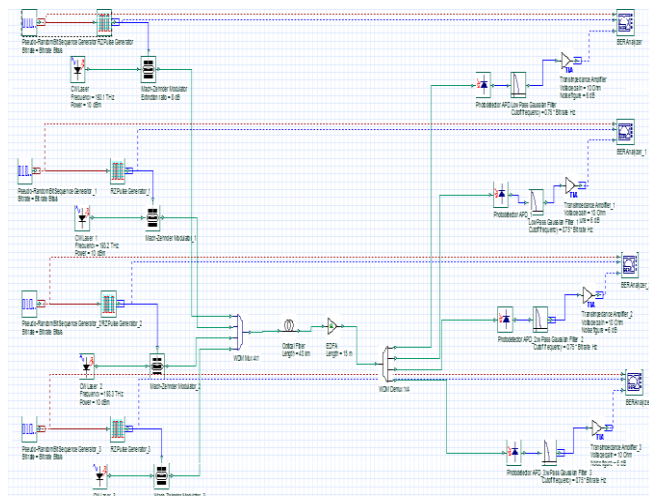
EDFAs are usually limited to no more than 10 spans covering a maximum distance of approximately 800 kilometers (km). Longer distances require an intermediate line repeater to retune and reshape the signal and filter accumulated noise

2.1.2 Advantages

1. Low noise figure
2. Polarisation independent
3. Large dynamic range
4. High power transfer efficiency
5. Suitable for long distance communication
6. Gain is relatively flat

3. SIMULATION AND RESULTS

In this optical design, 4-channel transmits 40Gb/s, each channel transmits 10Gb/s, is simulated with variety of extinction ratio and fiber lengths. When the length of the fiber reaches 40km, EDFA is used. The design consists of 4 transmitters and 4 receivers. In the transmitter side, return to zero (RZ) pulse generator is used in order to generate pseudo-random bit sequence (PRBS). Then, Mach-Zehnder is used to modulate the electric signal from RZ with continuous wave (CW) laser. An optical fiber with different distances is used to link between the transmitter and the receiver by using an EDFA for long distances. In the receiver side, Avalanche photodetectors (APDs) are used to convert the received optical signals to electrical signals. Then, These electrical signals are amplified using Trans-impedance Amplifier (TIAs) and the amplified signals are filtered through a second order low pass Gaussian filter. Bit Error Rate (BER) analyzers are used to realize the quality of the output signal for each channel. Simulation setup used in the analysis of four channels CWDM is presented in the below figure.



Side	Component	Parameter	Value
Transmitter	RZ Pulse Generator	Amplitude	1 a.u.
		Rise Time	0.05 bit
		Fall Time	0.05 bit
	CW Laser	Frequency	193.1, 193.2, 193.3, 193.4 THz
		Power	10 dBm
		Linewidth	10 MHz
Mach-Zehnder	Extinction Ratio	6, 6.5, 7, 7.5, 8	

Table no 1:-simulation parameters of Tx

Channel	Single Optical Fiber	Length	5, 40, 60, 80, 100 km
		Attenuation	0.25 dB/km
	MUX	Filter Order	2

Table no2:-simulation parameters of channel

Receiver	DUMX	Filter Order	2	
	EFDA	Length	15 m	
		APD Photodetector	Responsivity	1 A/W
			Dark Current	10 nA
	Low Pass Gaussian Filter	Cutoff Frequency	0.75*Bit rate	
	TIA	Voltage Gain	10 Ohm	
Noise Figure		6 dB		

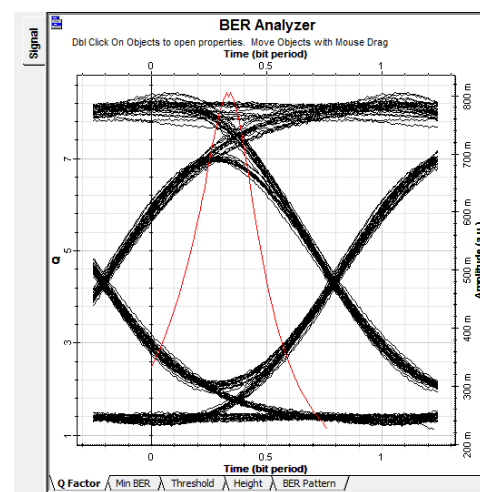
Table no3:-simulation parameters of Rx

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

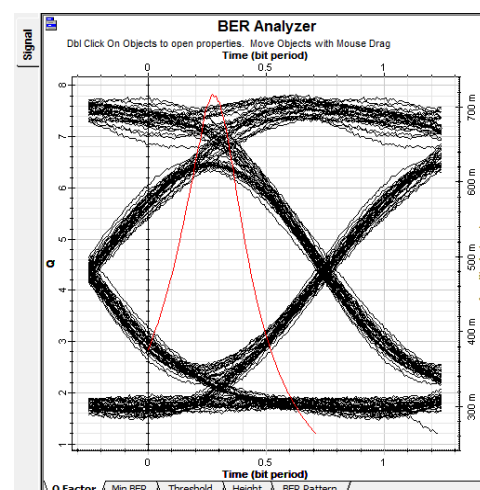
Eye Diagram

Eye diagram or also known as eye pattern in telecommunication is an old technique used in order to evaluate the received signal. Totally opened eye pattern represents the lowest level of distortion. BER analyzers create eye diagrams by making a pseudorandom arrangement of 1s and 0s in a symmetric rate but in an arbitrary manner. In Optisystem, eye diagram, which can be found in the BER analyzer show various traces of modulated signal in order to create an eye diagram. Because of the shape of the pattern that looks as if it is an eye, it is called an eye diagram.

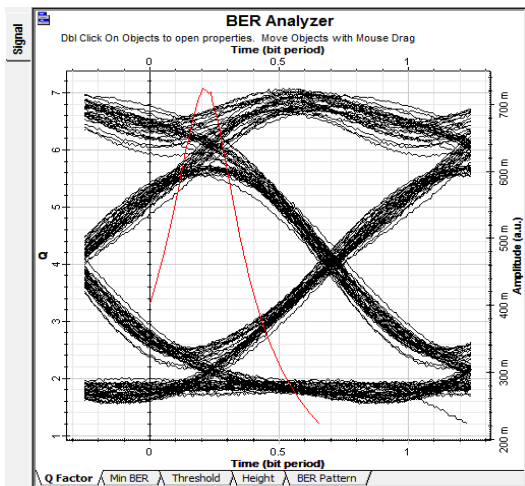
Eye Diagram of 40km 8dB Using EDFA



Eye Diagram of 50km 6dB using EDFA



Eye Diagram of 60km 6.5dB using EDFA



Eye Diagram of 50km 7dB using EDFA

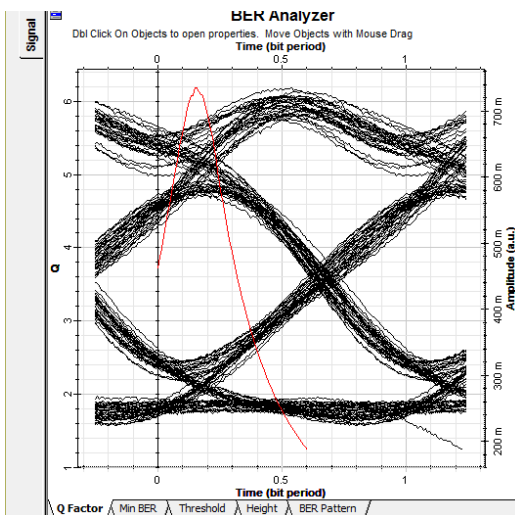


Table no4:-output at different values of fiber length and extinction ratio

Fibre Length	Extinction ratio	Q-Factor	BER	Eye Height	Threshold value
40	6	8.30	1.86e-017	0.1415	0.42284
	6.5	8.421	1.862e-017	0.1699	0.33039
	7	8.43	1.81e-017	0.194	0.252
	8	8.55	0.27e-017	0.273	0.2429
50	6	7.657	1.919e-015	0.133	0.484
	6.5	7.80	1.936e-015	0.158	0.387
	7	7.856	1.989e-015	0.1819	0.30
	8	7.867	1.92e-015	0.213	0.22
60	6	7.11	5.34e-013	0.159	0.472
	6.5	6.86	3.36e-012	0.188	0.377
	7	7.02	4.503e-013	0.147	0.305
	8	7.14	1.073e-012	0.121	0.219
75	6	5.872	2.123e-009	0.144	0.451
	6.5	5.66	2.354e-009	0.1205	0.361
	7	5.822	2.875e-009	0.108	0.296
	8	5.73	4.916	0.09	0.21

			e ⁻⁰⁰⁹		
100	6	3.09	3.17 e ⁻⁰⁰⁵	0.058	0.39
	6.5	3.75	8.495 e ⁻⁰⁰⁵	0.041	0.322
	7	3.80	3.841 e ⁻⁰⁰⁵	0.044	0.268
	8	3.95	6.917 e ⁻⁰⁰⁵	0.034	0.202

5 .CONCLUSION

In this paper we enlightened the use of EDFA in order to compensate dispersion loss in optical fibers. From the above simulations we got some optimized value for 40,50,60,70,80 Km long distance communication. Optimized output can be achieved if the Fiber length is in between 40km-100km, power input 10dB, EDFA length 15km .At these values the important parameters like BER , eye height , Q-factor is found to be better and satisfactory for the real time application and the spectrum analyzer output is also found to be better and satisfactory . Hence error free signal can be achieved in the range of 40km. However, as the value of extinction ratio increased, eye height increased but threshold decreased.

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