

## Assessment of RZ and NRZ Coders In Free Space Multiplexing System with Reduced Attenuation Effect and Increased Q Factor

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### Abstract

Free space optical communication (FSO) is the key technology for connecting systems by means of air as a medium. However signal will lose its strength due to atmospheric losses like rain, fog and other external environmental factors. Wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) approaches are used nowadays which improves signal strength at the receiver. For a perfect communication to happen, the attenuation has to be reduced as much as possible. In this paper, Quality factor (Q) and Bit error rate (BER) of the signal are analysed by simulation models. The line encoding techniques Non- Return-Zero (NRZ) and Return- Zero (RZ) methods were evaluated. The maximum achievable distance is 5kms for power of 40dbm.

**Keywords:** Free Space optics, Non- Return to Zero, Return to Zero, Wavelength Division Multiplexing.

### Introduction

The application of WDM is vast in telecommunication industry. Wavelength Division Multiplexing uses different wavelength to multiplex several optical carriers signal. The capacity of users will be increased with this approach. So without the need for multiple optical fibers, WDM technology increases the number of users. The principle behind this is optical- electrical-optical conversions in the transmission network [5]. In this paper, the frequency of operation is taken in C band 1550nm since it falls under optical low loss window [1]. WDM can be used either in single mode or in multi mode optical fibers. The channel of the proposed design is free space and the efficiency of the FSO is highly notable compared to conventional fibers. Selectivity is an additional benefit of the multiplexing systems unlike normal transceivers.

For encoding and decoding the digital messages NZ and NRZ methods are used. In NRZ, the message bits from the communication device will be positive for one's and negative for zero's and RZ is exactly the reverse. The energy of NRZ pulses are more than RZ signal pulses. The NRZ coder requires only half the bandwidth for the given data rate. The signal will drops to zero for one's and it will not drop for zero's in RZ coder.

## I. Proposed Methodology

The digital message bits from the WDM transmitter is forwarded to Multiplexer where the signals are multiplexed and carry forward to the free space channel. The modulation coder type of the WDM is analysed with both RZ and NRZ methods. The frequency spacing is 100 GHz. The power consumption of the system is varied from 40 to 45 dbm sweep iterations. The data rate of the modulation is 9bits/s. The capacity of multiplexer is 32 ports. The Bandwidth range is about 80GHz. The attenuation value is varied according to the operating distance range.

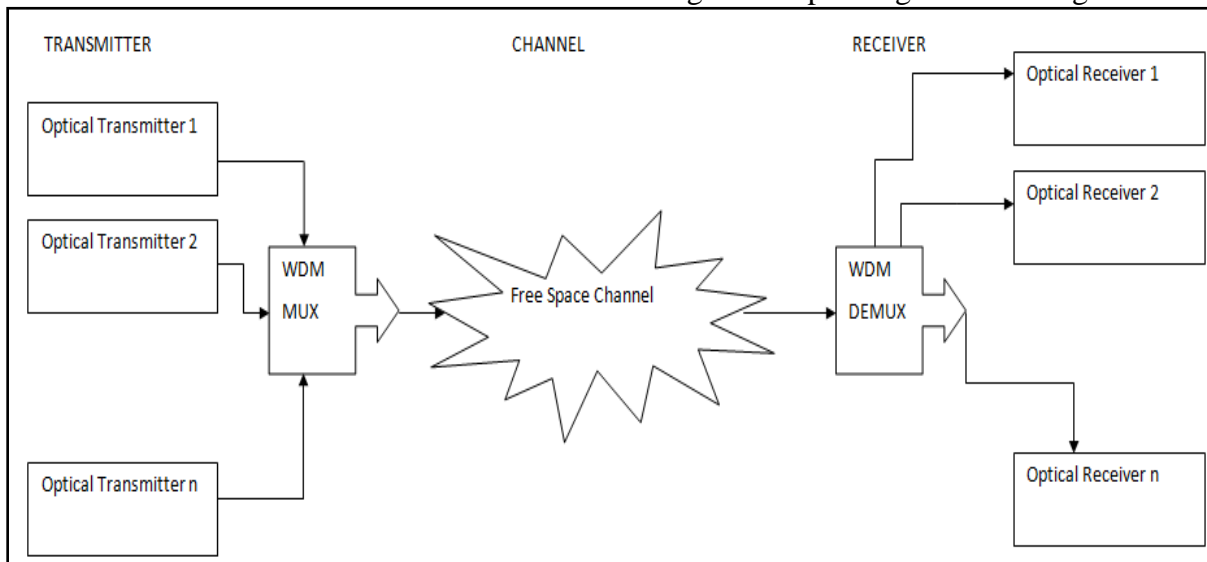


Fig.1. Proposed block diagram of free space WDM system

After the multiplexing, demodulation takes place in which electrical to optical conversion done at the optical receiver shown in Fig.1. The performance metrics will be evaluated by using optical spectrum analyser and BER analyser. The specification for DEMUX is same as the MUX. The software used for the optical simulation is Optisystem v16.1 from Optiwave team. The attenuation effect can be reduced by adjusting the power requirement according to the environmental weather conditions [6].The eye height of the signal reveals the jitter and correct transmission of signal bits throughout the communication. The formula for calculating the cutoff frequency of the receiver is  $0.75 \times \text{symbol rate}$ . The bit rate and symbol rate are inversely proportional to each other. According to the cut off frequency the bandwidth will change [2]. The optical receiver consists of diodes for signal conversion and low pass filter to remove the noise after amplification from the channel.

## II. Simulation Results

The obtained simulation results are tabulated below in table 1.and table 2 and the output plots are shown from Fig 2 to Fig.9.

Table 1:WDM modulation Type: RZ Data Rate: 2.5 GbpsPower: 40 to 45 dbm

Attenuation (db/km)	Max. Q	Max. Distance (km)	Min BER
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0.05	20.2521	1	1.6869e-090
0.08	24.5135	2	5.30e-133
0.25	21.1938	3	5.4056e-100
0.2	20.927	4	1.52185e-097
0.1	28.2218	5	1.57779e-175

Table 2: WDM modulation Type: NRZ Data Rate: 2.5 Gbps Power: 40 to 45 dbm

Attenuation (db/km)	Max. Q	Max. Distance (km)	Min BER
0.05	19.7944	1	1.6633e-087
0.08	19.6834	2	1.4975e-086
0.25	19.5407	3	2.485e-085
0.2	19.8871	4	1.3225e-085
0.1	20.2521	5	1.68965e-091

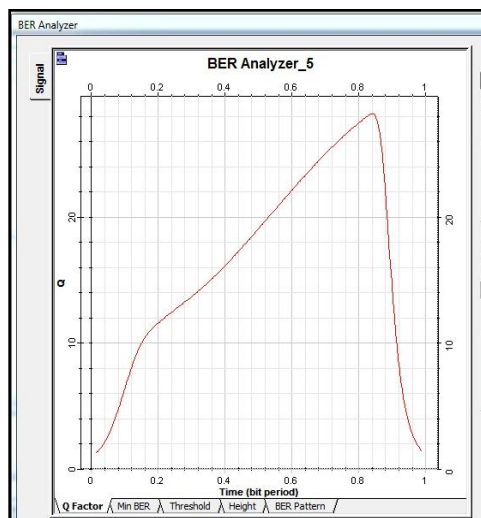


Fig2. RZ modulation Max Q factor 28.2218

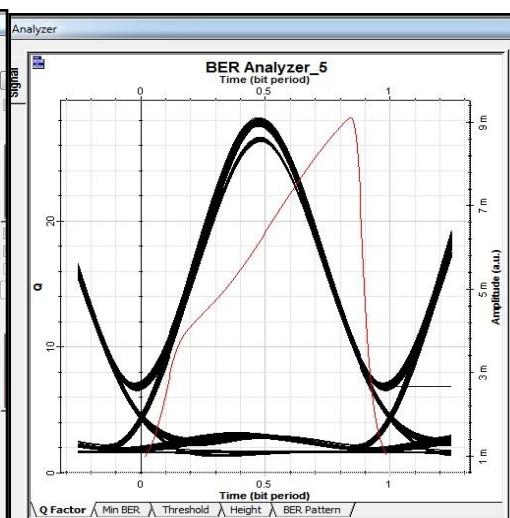


Fig3. RZ modulation Eye plot

The BER analyser analyses the Q factor and receiver threshold of the transmission design. The maximum threshold is attained in case of RZ line coder. The power and bandwidth requirement of the design is necessary for the cost efficient system. The bandwidth in WDM system enhances the signal reachability. Severe attenuation leads to reduction in distance as the signal get lossed in transmission. But in our case, the distance is increased as much as possible without disturbing the Quality factor.

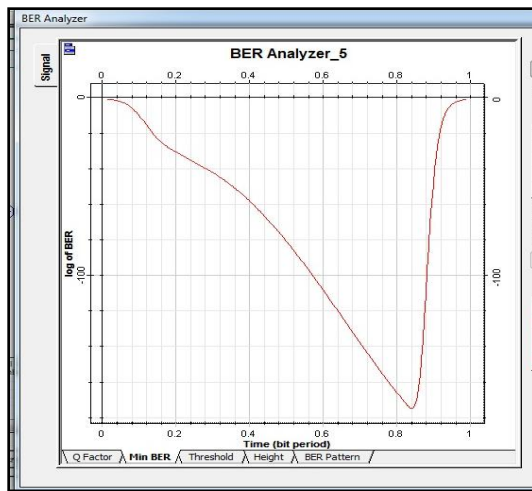


Fig. 4 RZ Min BER 1.52185e-0970

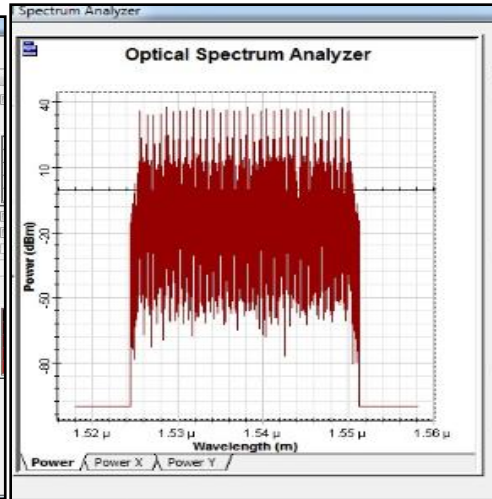


Fig.5 RZ spectrum result

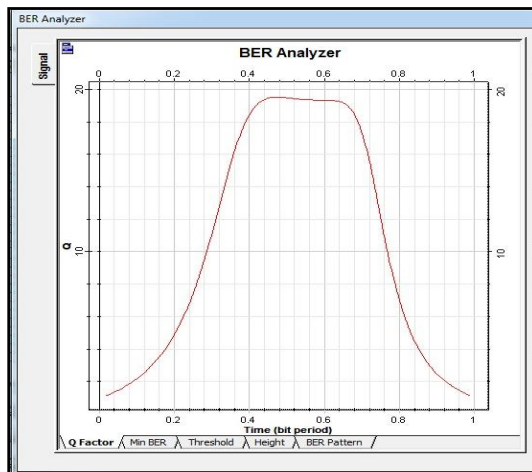


Fig.6 NRZ Max Q 20.2521

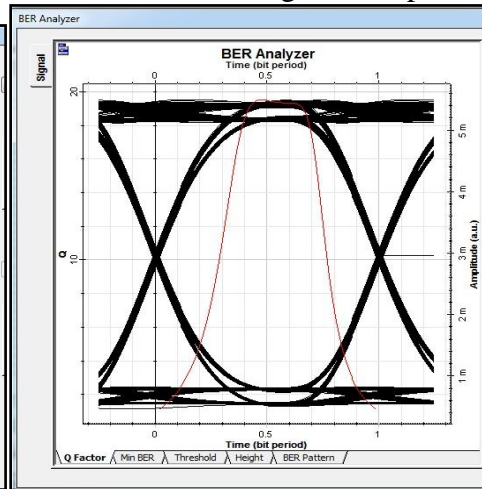


Fig.7. NRZ Eye plot

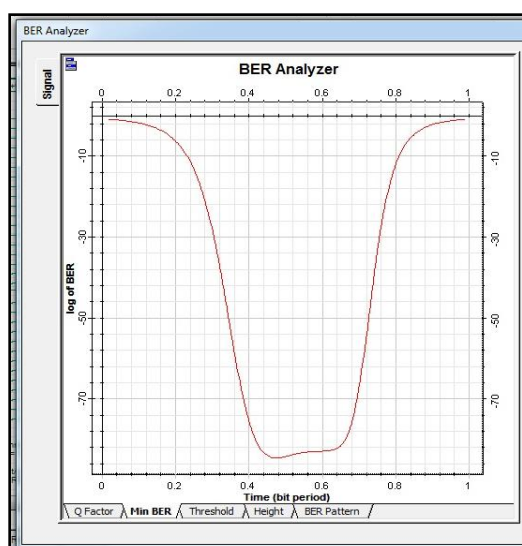


Fig.8 NRZ Min BER 1.3225e-085

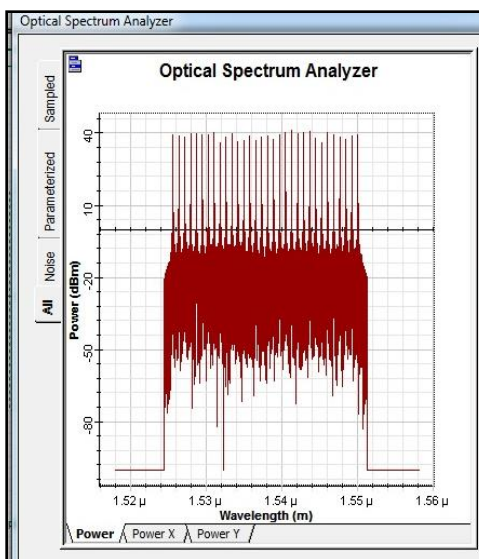


Fig.9 NRZ spectrum result

## Conclusion

By the overall performance analysis, the Quality factor of RZ is maximum than NRZ. But in terms of Bit error rate, NRZ is better. Communication via free space provides maximum efficient distance of 1km with attenuation of 0.1dB/km. Using WDM method in free space channel, the capacity of transmitter and receiver is increased. The maximum achievable distance of 5kms in RZ modulation type attained 28.2218 Q factor whereas NRZ modulator has 20.2521 Q factor. By comparing the results from RZ and NRZ modulation, it is found that RZ holds good for Q factor but it has more Bit error durations than NRZ. Non Return to Zero being level sensitive, it has minimum BER compared to RZ.

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