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Comparative Analysis of Dispersion Compensation Techniques for Hybrid WDM/TDM Passive Optical Network

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Abstract: Due to the growth of web and multimedia services Passive Optical Network (PON) come back to the leading edge of the research field. Optical networks play a important role by implementing optical fibre using Passive Optical Networks. Network service provider largely uses the Time Division Multiplexing and Wavelength Division Multiplexing based PON. Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) and Wavelength Division Multiplexing techniques. Both of these techniques has its own benefits and drawbacks. As Time Division Multiplex is capable to serve only a small variety of participants with low speed however for affordable prices. On the opposite side the Wavelength Division Multiplexing can serve a huge variety of participants but its price is much higher. In light of these contrasting properties there is an attempt to make a Hybrid WDM/TDM network that would have positive characteristics of each of these multiplexes and will also meet the characteristics of the Passive Optical Network (PON). In this paper techniques Hybrid WDM/TDM has been investigated for the three dispersion compensation techniques (pre, post and symmetrical) using the Dispersion Compensating Fibers (DCF). The performance has been compared on the basic of different parameters at the receiving end. Optisystem 7.0 is used for designing and simulation of the proposed system.

Keywords: Passive Optical Network (PON), Optical Line Terminal, Optical Network Unit (Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM), Time Division Multiplexing (TDM), Bit Error Rate (BER), Quality Factor, Dispersion Compensating Fibers (DCF).

1. INTRODUCTION

Hybrid (WDM/ TDM) PON is the system which uses both WDM and TDM techniques. The benefits of both the multiplexing techniques are provided to the end users where an Optical Line Terminal (OLT) is located at the Central Office (CO) and is connected to many Optical Network Units (ONUs) located at the customer's premises through one or multiple 1:N optical splitters as shown in fig 1. The network between the OLT and the ONU is static i.e it does not require any power supply [1-2].



Fig.1: Passive Optical Network

WDM-PON is a technique in which each ONU uses a distinct wavelength, i.e different wavelength in each direction to communicate with the OLT. The TDM is a technique in which a specific time slot of a finite duration is allocated to each station in the network for its transmission in a given time interval. When we use the WDM/TDM integrated concept, each ONU uses a different wavelength which is allotted to them by using time division multiplexing either statically or dynamically. Hybrid WDM/TDM PON is a promising next generation broadband access scheme. In this paper, previous work has been

enlarged by calculating the performance of hybrid WDM/TDM PON in terms of Q-factor and BER [3].

2. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The simplified architecture of WDM/TDM PON consists of nine users as shown in fig.2. In this, the concepts of WDM and TDM are united to upgarde the efficiency of PON. Each ONU uses a definite wavelength in each direction to communicate with the OLT. The simulation of hybrid WDM/TDM PON is evaluated by using the optisystem software.



Fig.2: Schematic architecture of Hybrid WDM/TDM PON

For the architecture of Hybrid WDM/TDM PON Erbium Doped Fibre Amplifier (EDFA) are used. EDFA are very much definitive for long distance transmission using single or multi-wavelength sources because of their wide bandwidth and optimum BER.



Fig.3: Hybrid WDM/TDM PON transmitter

The transmitter of Hybrid WDM/TDM PON architecture is as shown in fig 3. The Pseudo Random Bit Sequence Generator (PRBS) will generate bit sequences (either 1 or 0) in random manner. We assume that this is the information that is to be transmitted. This bit sequence generator is then fed into a NRZ pulse generator which transforms the bit sequences into NRZ pulses. These pulses are modulated using a Mach-Zender Modulator with the carrier power coming from the laser sources (laser frequency to be 193.9THz since it corresponds to 1550nm which is an optimal operating wavelength [3].



Fig.4: Hybrid WDM/TDM PON receiver

On the receiver side as shown in fig.4, the photo detector converts the optical signal into electrical signal. This signal is then passed through a low pass Bessel's filter and then through a 3R regenerator. The Bessel's filter considerably reduces the peak overshoot. The regenerator reconstructs and regenerates the signal and feeds it into a BER analyser where the output signal can be visualised [3].

 Table 1: Simulation Parameters and their Values

COMPONENT	PARAMETER		
	TYPE	VALUE	
Light source	Frequency	193.1-9 THz	
	Power	2 dBm	
PRBS generator	Bit rate	2.5 Gbps	
Photo detector	Responsisvity	1 A/W	

	Dark current	10 nA
Modulator	Modulation	NRZ
	format	
Operating		1550 nm
wavelength		
Optical fiber	Fiber length	50 km
Gain		5 m

Dispersion compensation is accomplished by three contrasting schemes depending upon the position of DCF:

i. Pre-compensation

ii. Post-compensation

iii. Symmetrical-compensation

In pre-compensation scheme the DCF is arranged before the standard single mode fiber (SSMF) to compensate the positive dispersion in SSMF.

In post-compensation scheme. the DCF is arranged after the SSMF to compensate the positive dispersion in SSMF.

In symmetrical-compensation scheme both the schemes (pre-, post-compensation) are used i.e. DCF is placed before as well as after the SSMF to accomplish the dispersion compensation [4-7].

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PARAMETERS	SMF	DCF		
Length (km)	30	60		
Attenuation (db/km)	0.2	0.6		
Dispersion (ps/nm/km)	17	-80		
Dispersion slop	0.08	0.3		
(ps/nm^2/km)				
Differential group delay	0.5	0.5		
(ps/km)				

Table 2: Fiber Parameters and their Values

The simulation setups of three dispersion schemes are shown in Fig.5



(a) Pre-compensation





(c) Symmetrical-compensation

Fig.5 Simulation setup of pre, post and symmetrical dispersion compensation

3. RESULTS

The eye diagrams for the pre-, post- and symmetricalcompensation are shown in Fig.6, Fig.7 and Fig8 and the values for the first, third, fifth and last user are tabulated into Table 3 and are compared.







Fig.6 Eye diagrams of pre-compensation at distict channels



At 193.3 THz









channels











Fig.8 Eye diagrams of symmetrical-compensation at distict channels

Table 3. Comparison of three schemes at distinct channels.

At 193.1 THz			
	Pre	Post	Symmetric
	compen	compensati	al
	sation	on	compensati
			on
Q-	7.3450	7.52578	7.59746
factor(db)	6		
BER	1.0222	2.56376e-	1.50929e-
	6e-013	014	014
Eye height	0.0002	8.36553e-	0.0004313
	44215	005	97

At 193.3 THz			
Q-	7.17407	7.20425	7.73974
factor(db)			
BER	3.6327e-	2.84303e	4.97817e-
	013	-013	015
Eye height	0.000251	8.20586e	0.0004151
	97	-005	01

At 193.5 THz			
Q-	7.8629	7.09715	7.34437
factor(db)			
BER	1.87517e-	6.22245e-	1.02609
	015	013	e-013
Eye	0.000274064	7.94735e-	0.00036
height		005	0308

At 193.9 THz			
Q-	7.63728	7.06718	4.39117
factor(db)			
BER	1.10805e-	1.20053e	3.29438e-
	014	-612	006
Eye height	0.000281	7.82218e	0.0001409
	234	-005	37

4. CONCLUSION

In this paper the performance of Hybrid WDM/TDM PON is evaluated in terms of Q-factor and BER. The three dispersion compensation schemes using DCF (pre-, post-and symmetrical-compensation) are compared in terms of BER and Q-factor and eye height.

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