

A Detailed Comparison of Different Modulations in High Capacity Mode Division Multiplexed Inter-Satellite Optical Wireless Communication System

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Abstract— Optical wireless communication is getting attention due to edge over radio frequency communication in terms of bandwidth, data rate, security, EMI interference and unlicensed operations. In this work, a mode division multiplexed inter-satellite optical wireless communication is presented at different data rates such as 10 Gbps, 20 Gbps and 40 Gbps in terms of Q factor. Proposed work is accentuated towards the performance evaluation of modified differential phase shift keying (MD-DQPSK) modulation at different distances (750 km to 3750 km). Linear polarized (LP) modes, 64 in number are incorporated in the system to carry the high speed data. Further performance of proposed MD-DQPSK-MDM inter-satellite optical wireless communication is compared with differential quadrature phase shift keying (DQPSK), and Manchester coding and differential phase shift keying (DPSK). Q factor of MDRZ-DQPSK, DPSK, DQPSK and Manchester coding at 2500 km of link distance are observed as 16, 8.4, 10.37, and 3.56 respectively at 40 Gbps. Results revealed MD-DQPSK provide highest Q factor as compared to DQPSK, DPSK and Manchester modulation.

Index Terms—About four key words or phrases in alphabetical order, separated by commas.

I. INTRODUCTION

With the progression in the field of optical technology, wireless optical communication is getting popular because of many advantages over radio frequency (RF) communication [1]. Wireless optical communication between satellites is termed as inter satellite optical wireless communication (ISOWC) and this technology has potential to cater high speed data in point to point communication. Laser signals are modulated in ISOWC with data and directed towards receiver through optical wireless channel (typically vacuum) [2]. Long distance transmission and low power operations of optical wireless communication are the prominent benchmarks and it is preferred over microwave technology because it does not pollute the environment. In comparison of free space optical (FSO) and ISOWC, later one is better due to non presence of atmospheric issues such as fog, rain, dust, mist and scintillation effects [3]. In order to boost the capacity of ISOWC systems, wavelength division

multiplexing is premier technology where multiple wavelengths operate within single transmission channel incorporating some wavelength spacing. High cost due to need of multiple laser sources and complexity in signal multiplexing/de-multiplexing are two major concerns in WDM system. To wave off the drawbacks of WDM technology, an ultimate technology is suggested by researchers for getting high capacity with only one laser source i.e. Mode division multiplexing (MDM) [4]. In MDM, linearly polarized modes are playing significant role to exploit capabilities of laser signal and these are generated by altering azimuthal as well as radial number of the intensity profile [5]. Suppression of crosstalk by employing Hermite Gaussian modes in MDM is presented in [6]. Different studies on ISOWC systems are reported such as 32 channel transmission over 5000 km incorporating DWDM at different input power levels with different modulation formats such as return to zero (RZ) and non return to zero (NRZ) [7]. Investigation of advanced modulation formats was accomplished in [8] at 10, 20 and 40 Gbps using modified duobinary RZ, duobinary RZ, carrier suppressed RZ and it was perceived that at 10 Gbps, CSRZ and at 40 Gbps, MDRZ found out to be optimal.

In this research article, emphasis is made to generate 64 channels using single laser by employing diverse LG modes using MDRZ-DQPSK, Manchester coding, DPSK, and DQPSK at 10, 20, and 40 Gbps bit rates.

II. SYSTEM SETUP

In order to realize proposed model of wireless optical communication between two satellites, a simulation software Optisystem is taken to accomplish the work. Representation of ISOWC system using diverse modulations is depicted in Figure 1 and modulation in this work are MDRZ-DQPSK, Manchester coding, DPSK, and DQPSK. Laser signal is passed through mode generators which can generate different intensity profile (LP modes) by varying the radial and azimuthal numbers. Modulated MDM signals are coupled to the loop control which has 3 essential units such as pre-EDFA (erbium doped fiber amplifier), OWC channel, post-EDFA. Variation in OWC length is carried out from 750 km to 3750 km in order to check the effects of distance on proposed system. OWC transmitter/receiver antenna has aperture sizes 15-15 cm. There are 64 LP modes generated and Figure 2 shows the transmitter of 8 LP modes. Distance of OWC is fixed to 250 km for each loop and distance going to add if loop control value increases. Antenna sizes are

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15-15 cm for transmitter and receiver. Different data rates have been considered such as 10, 20 and 40 Gbps with distance variation from 750 km to 3750 km.

For the generation of LP mode profiles, a CW laser at 193.1 THz frequency with 10 dBm power is coupled to different 64 mode generators where variation of azimuthal and radial number is performed. These LP mode singles then modulated with modulation as shown in Figure 3 and after communication through transmission loop, these signals are given to mode selectors to lock particular LP mode only. Detection at receiver is performed by single PIN for Manchester coding, MZI-PIN for DPSK to extract 0 and 180 degree phase shifts, MZI-PIN with 45 degree phase delay and time delay is used for decoding of MDRZ-DQPSK signals. After conversion of photons into electric data, suppression of noises is performed by low pass filter and signal regeneration is done (3-R) followed by Eye diagram analyzer to access Q factors.

Linearly polarized modes are calculated as

$$M_N = n + 2m + 1 \quad (1)$$

Where m is radial number and azimuthal number is denoted by n

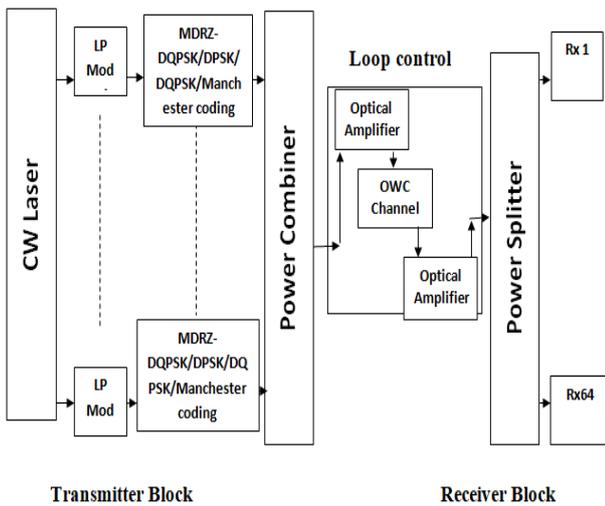


Fig.1. Proposed ISOWC system for 64 LP modes



Fig.2. Simulation setup of 8 LP modes

Transmitters of DPSK, DQPSK, Manchester coding, and MDRZ-DQPSK, are represented in Figure 3 (a), Figure 3 (b), Figure 3 (c) and Figure 3 (d) respectively. DQPSK modulation and DPSK has four phase and two phase shifts respectively and these phase shifts increase the dispersion tolerance and spectral efficiency. DQPSK is better than DPSK in terms of endurance to nonlinearities. MDRZ-DQPSK has integrated properties of modified duobinary and differential quadrature phase shift keying which makes it more resistant against chromatic dispersion. In recent years, integrated modulations are getting attention due to their bandwidth efficient spectrum and dispersion tolerance.

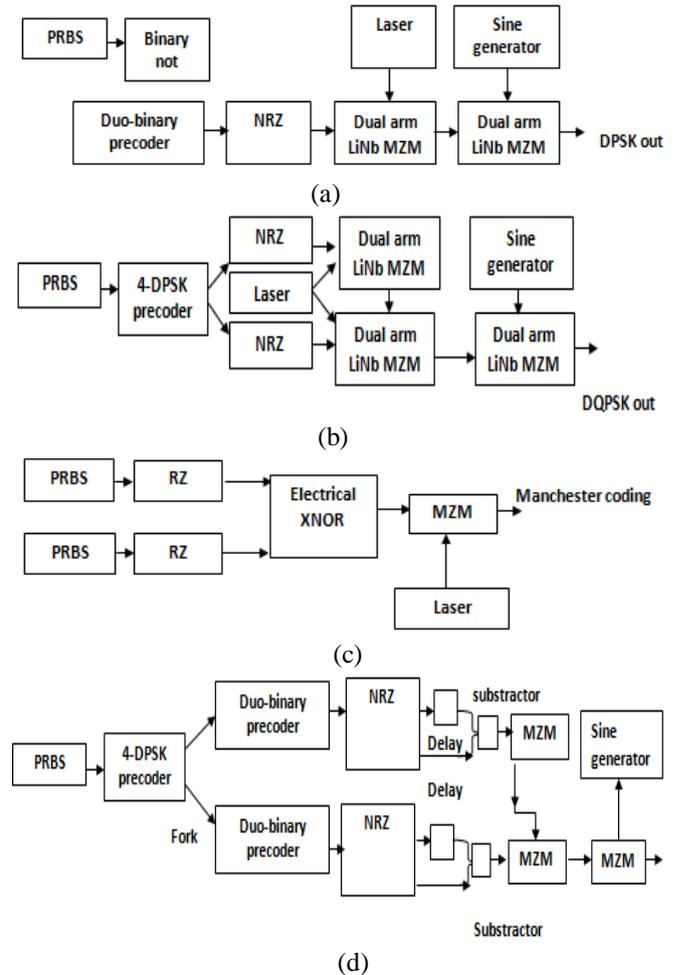


Fig.3. The schematic of (a) DPSK (b) DQPSK (c) Manchester coding (d) MDRZ-DQPSK

Table I System parameters and values of proposed ISOWC system

Parameters	Values
Data rate	10, 20, 40 Gbps
Frequency	193.1 THz
Multiplexing	Mode division Multiplexing
Modulations/codings	MDRZ-DQPSK, DQPSK, DPSK, Manchester
Number of LP modes	64
Distance	750 km-3750 km
Power	30 dBm
Amplifiers	EDFA
Photo-detector	PIN

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To investigate the proposed mode division multiplexing based system, a 64×10 Gbps, 64×20 Gbps, 64×40 Gbps inter-satellite optical wireless channels have been simulated in Optisystem software.

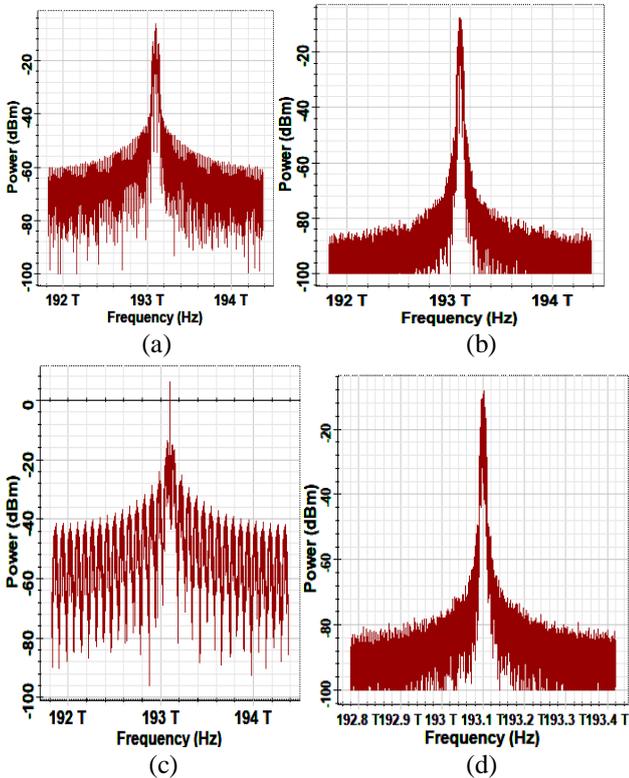


Fig.4. Optical spectrums of (a) DPSK (b) DQPSK (c) Manchester coding (d) MDRZ-DQPSK

In presented IsOWC system, different modulations and coding has been considered such as MDRZ-DQPSK, DPSK, DQPSK, and Manchester coding. Optical spectrum of differential phase shift keying is depicted in Figure 4 (a), differential quadrature phase shift keying in Figure 4 (b), Manchester coding spectrum in Figure 4 (c) and MDRZ-DQPSK in Figure 4 (d). It is evident that the spectrum of MDRZ-DQPSK is bandwidth efficient and Manchester signal has broad spectrum.

Table 2, depicts the values of Q factor of different modulations at 10 Gbps and Figure 5 (a) depicts the performance of proposed system for different modulations and coding for varied distances at 10 Gbps. Distance of each loop is set to be 250 km and there are different loops considered to provide 750 km, 1200 km, 2250 km, 3000 km and 3750 km link length. Figure 5 (a) depicts the performance of different modulation formats at 10 Gbps at varied distances. Results revealed that all the four proposed pulse shapes are in acceptable range of Q factor at 10 Gbps. However, there is reduction Q as distance prolonged. Results revealed that MDRZ-DQPSK is showing best performance and performance is followed by DPSK till 1200 km and after that DQPSK surpasses the performance of DPSK. Performance degradation effects of pulse broadening in Manchester coding are severe and therefore its performance is lowest. MDRZ-DQPSK performed best due to is double phase plus quad phase shifting operations which reduces the effects of interference and dispersion. Q factor of

MDRZ-DQPSK, DPSK, DQPSK and Manchester coding at

Distance (km)	MDRZ-DQPSK	DQPSK	DPSK	Manchester
750	78.6523	36.4315	68.8556	9.15678
1500	66.9768	31.4902	39.5622	9.21711
2250	65.4066	31.6616	31.0824	9.22488
3000	59.6172	31.6925	29.6131	9.22628
3750	50.5227	31.6988	28.1156	9.22657

2500 km of link distance are observed as 62.26, 29.61, 31.7, and 9.2 respectively. Therefore, use of MDRZ-DQPSK in the inter-satellite mode division multiplexed systems is suggested.

Table II Values of Q factor in different modulations at 10gbps

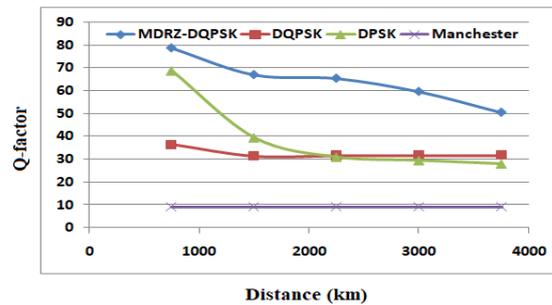


Fig.5. Variation of Q factor with distance of ISOWC channel at 10 Gbps

Similarly, Figure 5 (b) depicts the performance of proposed system for different modulations and coding for varied distances at 20 Gbps. It is perceived that Q factor of all different arrangements decreases with distance enhancement as well as all remain within acceptable range of Q factor. Distance is varied from 750 km to 3750 km at 20 Gbps and it is evident that modified duo-binary return to zero differential quadrature phase shift keying provide highest Q factor followed by the performance of DQPSK and DPSK with Manchester in the last. MDRZ-DQPSK performed best due to is double phase plus quad phase shifting operations which reduces the effects of interference and dispersion. Q factor of MDRZ-DQPSK, DPSK, DQPSK and Manchester coding at 2500 km of link distance are observed at 20 Gbps as given in Table 3.

Table III Values of Q factor in different modulations at 20 Gbps

Distance (km)	MDRZ-DQPSK	DQPSK	DPSK	Manchester
750	26.2132	27.0021	21.1657	6.55609
1500	26.4639	28.4999	19.0376	6.61923
2250	25.7839	22.0439	12.9088	6.62742
3000	25.4985	22.0582	10.8141	6.62891
3750	25.2446	22.0611	8.39581	6.62922

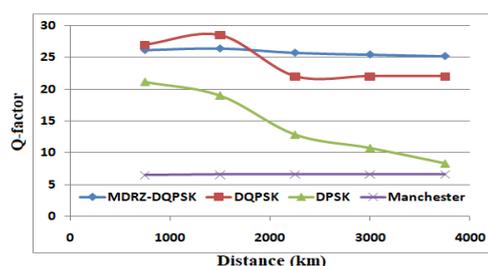


Fig.6. Variation of Q factor with distance of ISOWC channel at 20 Gbps

Table IV Values of Q factor in case different modulations at 40 Gbps

Distance (km)	MDRZ-DQPSK	DQPSK	DPSK	Manchester
750	18.7601	16.8808	12.7418	3.55051
1500	17.9425	15.1981	10.2749	3.62719
2250	16.3580	10.3767	8.40118	3.64178
3000	15.5979	9.48992	7.63810	3.64480
3750	14.8331	8.71345	6.95984	3.64543

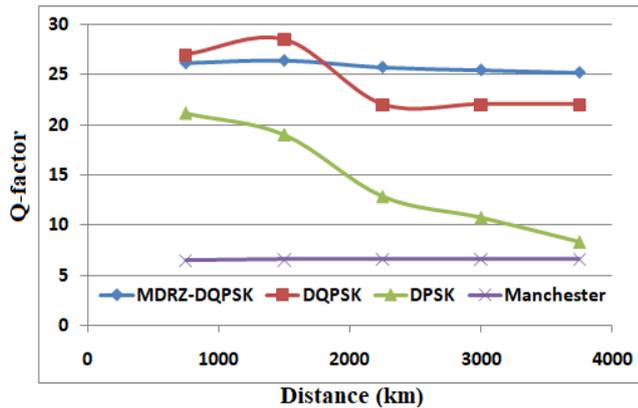


Fig.7. Variation of Q factor with distance of ISOWC channel at 40 Gbps

Figure 5 (c) represents the system performance at 40 Gbps for modulations and coding. It is noteworthy that Manchester goes beyond the acceptable range while all the three remaining are in acceptable range. Q factor of MDRZ-DQPSK, DPSK, DQPSK and Manchester coding at 2500 km of link distance are observed as 16, 8.4, 10.37, and 3.56 respectively. Phase shifts in modulations helps system to be resilient against dispersion and nonlinear effects. Performance of Manchester coding is lowest due to absence of phase shifts and due to maximum number of phase shifts, MDRZ-DQPSK system performs optimal.

IV. CONCLUSION

A 64 channel inter-satellite optical wireless system is investigated for different modulations such as modified duo-binary differential quadrature phase shift keying, differential quadrature phase shift keying, differential phase shift keying and Manchester coding. In order to analyze the effects of data rates, different speeds are considered such as 10, 20 and 40 Gbps. Distance of 750 km to 3750 km are taken for different data rates and modulations. Major work is to find optimal modulation for IsOWC systems to enhance the reach of the system and to lower the system cost. Q factor of MDRZ- DQPSK, DPSK, DQPSK and Manchester coding at 2500 km of link distance are observed as 16, 8.4, 10.37, and 3.56 respectively at 40 Gbps. It is observed that the MDRZ-DQPSK is best modulation for all data rates and provide maximum Q and minimum BER.

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